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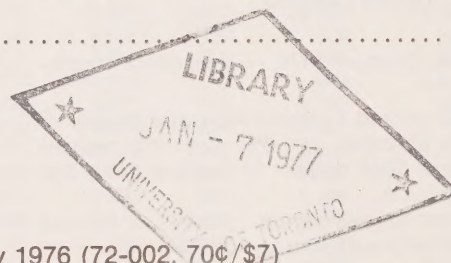
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Building Permits, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Building permits were at a seasonally-adjusted rate of \$957 million in October, up 8% over the revised September total of \$888 million. In October 1975, the total was \$995 million.

During the month, residential permits remained strong at a seasonally-adjusted rate of \$588 million. An increase in the number of multiple dwellings compensated for a 9% drop in the number of single-detached dwellings.

Following three consecutive monthly decreases, the value of non-residential construction rose substantially in October, owing mainly to increased activity in commercial building construction, particularly in the Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Victoria areas. Both the industrial and the public sectors showed moderate increases.

Preliminary reports for November reflect increased building permits activity in the eastern provinces but a drop in western provinces. The over-all total is expected to be approximately 5% lower than in October.

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Asbestos, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Producer shipments of asbestos decreased to 149,881 tons in November from 152,280 tons in November 1975. This brought year-to-date shipments to 1,540,275 tons from 1,023,419 in 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Mineral Production, 1976 — Preliminary Estimate.

Based on an estimate prepared by Statistics Canada, the total value of 1976 mineral production is expected to exceed \$15.3 billion, a new high. The metals sector accounted for \$5.2 billion while non-metals amounted to \$1.1 billion. The fuels sector provided the largest component value at almost \$8.0 billion and structural materials accounted for \$1.0 billion.

Values of the leading mineral commodities were: crude petroleum \$4,128 million; natural gas \$2,467 million; iron ore \$1,241 million; nickel \$1,232 million; copper \$1,126 million; zinc \$862 million.

These highlights are taken from the 1976 annual publication *Canada's Mineral Production, Preliminary Estimate* (26-202, 70¢) to be released late in January 1977.

The Dairy Review, November 1976 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,267,564,000 pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in October, 11.2% less than October 1975.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first 10 months of the year to 14,717,271,000 pounds, up 1.0% from the January-October period a year earlier.

For further information, order the November issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Building Permits

October 1976 — Advance Information

	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial (\$000)	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
Newfoundland	83	20	103	3,337	216	1,023	149	4,725
Prince Edward Island	77	2	79	2,131	1,411	1,157	2,032	6,731
Nova Scotia	343	268	611	15,732	476	2,551	283	19,042
New Brunswick	153	94	247	6,875	490	4,534	8,906	20,805
Quebec	2,708	2,584	5,292	122,683	26,709	37,950	19,809	207,151
Ontario	2,742	4,728	7,470	221,376	34,217	67,186	21,483	344,262
Manitoba	334	337	671	20,421	4,301	4,344	2,298	31,364
Saskatchewan	495	449	944	28,543	1,146	13,453	8,533	51,675
Alberta	1,080	2,419	3,499	114,661	5,268	44,334	12,907	177,710
British Columbia	1,419	1,636	3,055	89,543	7,895	32,189	20,698	150,325
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	24	10	34	887	80	949	50	1,966
Canada — Unadjusted	9,458	12,547	22,005	626,189	82,209	209,670	97,148	1,015,216
Canada — Adjusted	8,832	12,591	21,423	588,177	65,183	231,731	71,786	956,877
Metropolitan Areas	4,581	8,573	13,154	361,945	48,407	148,988	51,707	611,047
Calgary	264	564	828	23,384	1,335	11,309	2,203	38,231
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	55	34	89	2,796	61	3,766	413	7,036
Edmonton	285	699	984	28,348	1,811	22,829	4,985	57,973
Halifax	107	42	149	5,010	133	979	91	6,213
Hamilton	114	43	157	5,668	202	1,445	323	7,638
Hull	75	29	104	3,879	5	969	3,218	8,071
Kitchener	95	110	205	6,271	416	1,793	656	9,136
London	157	55	212	6,977	1,033	2,582	58	10,650
Montréal	945	1,766	2,711	54,220	17,106	23,239	1,794	96,359
Ottawa	73	437	510	14,313	660	4,899	1,021	20,893
Québec	299	216	515	13,490	367	1,480	143	15,480
Regina	133	176	309	8,315	426	8,270	1,327	18,338
St. Catharines-Niagara	74	48	122	3,716	885	1,089	514	6,204
Saint-John	27	30	57	1,674	350	887	8,508	11,419
St. John's	46	20	66	2,380	88	689	62	3,219
Saskatoon	119	142	261	6,968	310	2,232	4,832	14,342
Sudbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thunder Bay	43	16	59	2,052	290	1,516	273	4,131
Toronto	736	2,166	2,902	92,531	16,152	34,469	14,608	157,760
Vancouver	497	911	1,408	39,141	2,209	16,606	3,489	61,445
Victoria	92	439	531	14,665	129	4,175	2,253	21,222
Windsor	122	293	415	9,103	490	962	136	10,691
Winnipeg	223	337	560	17,044	3,949	2,803	800	14,596

Preliminary figures.

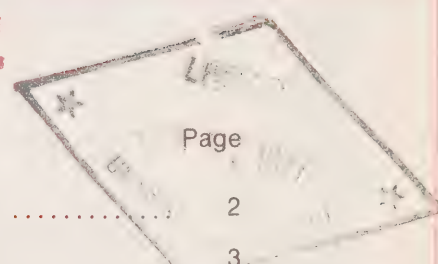
For further information order *Building Permits*, October 1976 (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

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Fisheries Statistics, Newfoundland, 1975 (24-202, 70¢)

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, December 1976 (32-009, 30¢/\$3)



Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities
Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1976		
August	160.2	179.5
September	154.1	174.8
October	155.9	179.6
Change from same period 12 months earlier(1)	%	%
1976		
May	0.1	3.4
June	0.4	2.9
July	-0.2	3.0
August	0.1	2.9
September	-0.8	2.1
October	-1.1	1.7

Volume Indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices
Seasonally Adjusted
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1976		
August	153.1	126.9
September	155.5	131.9
October	140.2	111.2
Change from same period 12 months earlier(1)	%	%
1976		
May	8.1	10.6
June	7.6	12.0
July	8.5	12.6
August	7.9	17.4
September	9.2	18.8
October	5.5	17.2

(1) Three-month moving average ending in month indicated.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Both import and export prices in October continued to remain stable as they have been throughout 1976. Compared to the corresponding period in 1975, export prices were slightly higher while import prices on average were at about the same level.

Import volumes dropped 11% in October and export volumes 18%, although both remained higher than the corresponding 1975 levels.

For further information, order the November issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Radio and Television Broadcasting, 1975 — Advance Information.

Preliminary results on financial data for privately-owned broadcasting for the year ended August 31, 1975, show radio broadcasting revenue up 14% from the previous year at \$208 million. Net profit before tax was estimated at \$30 million, an increase of 7%.

Television broadcasting revenues increased 21% to \$233 million. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose 14% to \$183 million. Depreciation was estimated at \$71 million and interest expense at \$5 million. Other adjustments produced income of \$5 million. Net profit before tax was estimated at \$39 million, an increase of \$15 million over 1974.

In addition CBC operations produced revenues from sale of air time of \$53 million compared to \$49 million in the previous period. The net cost of operating CBC during the period was \$268 million compared to \$253 million for the previous period.

Final information will be included in the 1975 issue of *Radio and Television Broadcasting* (56-204, 70¢). For further information, contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production increased 0.6% to 35.7 million dozen in November from 35.4 million in November 1975. The average number of layers was down 2.0% to 23.2 million from 23.7 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased 2.7% to 1,844 from 1,795. Farm price of eggs sold for market was up 6.3% to 65.9¢ a dozen from 62.0¢.

For further information, order the November issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Salt, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 638,166 tons in November from 447,784 tons in November 1975. This brought the 11 months output to 5,725,949 tons from 5,143,204 tons a year earlier.

For further information, order the November issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

November 1976

(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Index		Percentage Change	
		Nov.* 1976	Oct.* 1976	Nov. 1975	Nov./76 Oct./76 Nov./75
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	163.5	163.4	157.3	0.1 3.9
SIC Major Groups:					
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	173.3	173.8	173.9	-0.3 -0.3
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	142.5	142.5	137.4	— 3.7
4. Leather Industries	0.9	162.5	163.2	150.7	-0.4 7.8
5. Textile Industries	3.5	144.7	144.9	137.1	-0.1 5.5
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	127.1	126.9	121.0	0.2 5.0
8. Wood Industries	4.7	170.2	169.9	154.2	0.2 10.4
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	166.7	166.7	157.6	— 5.8
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	183.5	183.3	179.0	0.1 2.5
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	173.7	173.2	164.9	0.3 5.3
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	164.3	164.2	158.3	0.1 3.8
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	153.7	153.4	146.6	0.2 4.8
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	141.1	141.0	138.6	0.1 1.8
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	165.1	165.1	151.1	— 9.3
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	225.3	225.2	199.9	— 12.7
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	169.2	168.6	162.8	0.4 3.9
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	139.2	138.7	133.8	0.4 4.1

* These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing
(1971=100), November 1976 — Advance Information.

The Industry Selling Price Index for Manufacturing stood at 163.5 in November, an increase of 0.1% over the revised October level of 163.4 and 3.9% above the November 1975 index of 157.3.

The index for the food and beverage industries declined 0.3% as price indexes fell 2.5% in the feeds industry, 0.6% in slaughtering and meat processing and 3.8% in the poultry processing industry.

This decline was offset mainly by increases in the indexes of the primary metal industries and chemical and chemical products industries. Primary metals rose 0.3% with increases of 0.5% in smelting and refining, 0.3% in iron and steel mills and 1.3% in iron foundries. Chemical products rose 0.4%, due largely to a 5.9% increase in the price index for toilet preparations.

Cable Television, 1975 — Advance Information.

Preliminary financial data on cable television operations (over 1,000 subscribers) for the year ended August 31, 1975, show total revenue at \$159 million, up 22% from \$130 million in the previous year.

Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses increased 30% to \$83 million from \$64 million. Depreciation was estimated at \$33 million and interest expense at \$14 million, leaving a profit before income tax of \$30 million compared to \$28 million the previous year, a 7% increase.

Final information will be included in the 1975 issue of *Cable Television* (56-205, 70¢). For further informa-

tion, contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended January 1, 1977 was 241,253 — short tons — 218 861 t (metric tonnes) — a decrease of 3.1% from the preceeding week's total of 248,964 short tons — 225 856 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 271,283 tons — 246 104 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons — 166 221 t (metric tonnes) equalling (100) was 131.7 in the current week, 135.9 a week earlier and 148.1 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

December 1976 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Dec. 23/76 This week	Dec. 17/76 Week ago	Nov. 26/76 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	98.2	95.8	94.3
Industrials	85	97.6	95.3	93.2
Foods	9	81.5	79.5	77.3
Alcoholic beverages	5	76.2	73.1	71.7
Textiles and clothing	3	113.1	112.7	115.4
Pulp and paper	7	131.1	127.9	127.3
Printing and publishing	5	104.9	101.1	101.3
Primary metals	4	102.8	102.9	100.3
Industrial mines	6	87.2	85.1	82.1
Metal fabricating	9	185.8	187.7	175.8
Non-metallic minerals	4	83.8	82.4	87.0
Petroleum	8	92.0	88.1	86.4
Chemicals	5	103.2	102.9	103.8
Construction	5	207.9	203.5	196.2
Trade	15	80.0	78.2	79.0
Utilities and services	28	91.2	89.1	87.7
Transportation	6	118.9	116.9	111.9
Pipelines	5	80.2	77.8	75.9
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	96.6	97.4	99.5
Telephone	4	93.8	92.1	94.2
Electric power	3	121.1	115.1	112.5
Gas distribution	5	69.8	67.5	65.1
Finances	21	111.7	108.3	109.5
Banks	8	116.7	113.1	114.9
Investment and loan	9	100.9	97.9	97.8
Insurance	4	94.4	91.8	91.4
Mining Index	17	98.3	98.7	97.9
Gold	9	177.3	179.5	174.1
Base metals	8	60.4	60.0	61.4
Uraniums	2	192.2	186.7	181.5
Primary oils and gas index	5	102.5	101.5	93.0

For further information, contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price IndexesNovember 1976 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Nov. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1975	% Change	
				Nov./76 Oct./76	Nov./76 Nov./75
Total Index	169.7	168.5	157.5	0.7	7.7
Materials	157.7	157.7	151.0	—	4.4
Steel and Metal Work	175.2	175.2	169.0	—	3.7
Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	144.6	144.8	137.6	-0.1	5.1
Electrical Equipment	144.4	144.5	145.5	-0.1	-0.8
Concrete Products	173.6	174.0	157.9	-0.2	9.9
Lumber and Lumber Products	161.9	162.3	150.8	-0.2	7.4
Other	154.1	153.7	148.0	0.3	4.1
Labour	183.1	180.4	164.4	1.5	11.2

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For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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Department Stores Sales and Stocks, October 1976 (63-002, 40¢/\$4)

Electric Power Statistics, October 1976 (57-001, 30¢/\$3)

Dairy Factory Production, November 1976 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, October 1976 (32-020, 15¢/\$1.50)

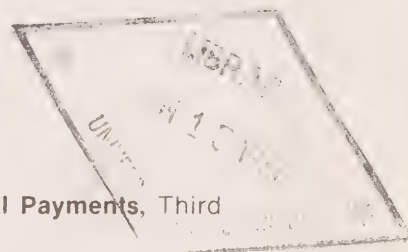
Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, November 1976 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 5: No. 56, Oil Filters and Cartridges; No. 57, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools, November 1976



Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products, First Nine Months 1976 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Trade with United States

Canada's trade in automotive products with the United States continued to expand in the third quarter of 1976, although the rate of growth decelerated during the year. As the gain in exports was stronger than that of imports, the deficit in automotive trade contracted in successive quarters.

Canadian exports of motor vehicles and parts (as measured by U.S. imports) in the January-September period totalled \$5,727 million, 37.5% above the total of \$4,164 million in the first nine months of 1975. This increase was split evenly between vehicles and parts.

Exports of passenger automobiles and trucks rose, respectively, 23% to \$2,528 million and 46% to \$964 million. The value of automotive parts shipments increased 50% to \$2,114 million and that of tires 175% to \$121 million, because of the lengthy disruption in production of the U.S. rubber industry. Except for cars, the nine-month totals in 1976 of each product category exceeded the full-year values for 1975. On account of the differing rates of growth, the proportion of cars in the total exports fell 5 points to 44% while the proportion of parts increased from 34% to 37%.

Canadian imports of automotive products from the U.S. increased 16.5% from \$5,549 million in the first nine months of 1975 to \$6,464 million in 1976. Nearly all of this rise was due to imports of automotive parts, which increased more than 24% to \$4,055 million. Smaller increases were recorded in imports of automobiles and trucks but imports of tires fell 34.5%.

At \$737 million, the automotive trade deficit with the U.S. for the nine months of 1976 was 47% below the deficit of \$1,385 million for the comparable period of 1975. As only the balance in parts trade deteriorated, by 5%, significant improvements occurred in the balances for cars, trucks and tires, with the latter two shifting from deficit to surplus positions.

Overseas Trade

In sharp contrast to the contraction in the deficit with the U.S., Canada's automotive trade balance with overseas countries deteriorated. Imports expanded 27% to \$646 million while exports declined 5% to \$410 million. The deficit more than tripled to \$236 million in 1976 from the unusually low level of \$76 million for the first nine months of 1975.

Declines of some 15% each in exports of trucks to \$156 million and automotive parts to \$116 million were partially offset by a 24% increase in shipments of passenger cars to \$124 million, principally to Venezuela and Iran.

Nearly 80% of the increase in imports was due to the jump of 42.5% to \$366 million in passenger car arrivals, mainly from Japan. A 24% increase to \$181 million in automotive parts imports was recorded from such countries as Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Sweden and the European Economic Community.

Passenger Car Imports

Just over half of the 15% expansion in passenger car imports to 542,200 units was from Japan, and a further 40% from the U.S. The U.S. proportion of Canadian car imports declined from about 80.5% in the first nine

months of 1975 to a little over 75% in 1976, while the Japanese share expanded from under 11% to 16%.

With an increase of 6,900 vehicles, the West German share of the import market rose nearly one percentage point to 4.5%. Smaller and offsetting changes occurred in car imports from other countries.

A fall of 9% in the exchange rate against the Canadian dollar of important foreign currencies between the first nine months of 1975 and 1976 contributed to a fractional reduction in the unit values of imported cars between the two periods. The average prices of American and Japanese imports continued to rise, although at slightly lower rates of 2.3% and 1.8%, respectively. Significant declines were recorded in the average prices of cars imported from other countries, such as West Germany and Italy.

For further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,433,122,000 square feet of corrugated boxes and wrappers in November, an increase of 4.2% over the 1,375,926,000 square feet in November 1975. January-November shipments totalled 15,859,790,000 square feet compared to 14,240,496,000 square feet in 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Carloadings, 7 days ended December 21, 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Rail carload revenue freight traffic in the seven days totalled 4.3 million short tons (3.9 million metric tonnes), an increase of 8.9% over the 1975 period. Traffic loaded east of the Lakehead was up 16.7% while that in the West rose 1.3%. The total number of cars loaded at 68,504 represented a 7.8% gain over 1975.

Trailer-container (piggyback) movements increased 23.5% in the east and 37.8% in the west, for an overall net gain of 27.0%.

January 1 — December 21 rail carload shipments at 235.2 million short tons (213.4 million metric tonnes) were up 5.6% from 1975. Cumulative piggyback loadings were also higher at 9.8 million short tons (8.9 million metric tonnes), an increase of 10.1%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

(see table on next page)

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending December 21

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1976	2,263,188	2,014,586	4,277,774
Short tons, 1975r	1,939,421	1,988,199	3,927,620
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 053 130	1 827 602	3 880 732
Metric tonnes, 1975	1 759 413	1 803 664	3 563 077
% change	16.7	1.3	8.9
Cars, 1976	37,891	30,613	68,504
Cars, 1975r	33,250	30,324	63,574
% change	14.0	1.0	7.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1976	147,367	53,194	200,561
Short tons, 1975r	119,323	38,594	157,917
Metric tonnes, 1976	133 689	48 257	181 946
Metric tonnes, 1975	108 248	35 012	143 260
% change	23.5	37.8	27.0
Cars, 1976	4,646	2,320	6,966
Cars, 1975r	4,073	1,644	5,717
% change	14.1	14.1	21.8
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1976	132,976,967	102,259,489	235,236,456
Short tons, 1975r	123,397,914	99,391,923	222,789,837
Metric tonnes, 1976	120 634 675	92 768 248	213 402 923
Metric tonnes, 1975	111 944 705	90 166 836	202 111 541
% change	7.8	2.9	5.6
Cars, 1976	2,117,518	1,584,521	3,702,039
Cars, 1975r	2,039,133	1,579,489	3,618,622
% change	3.8	0.3	2.3
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1976	7,167,405	2,624,379	9,791,784
Short tons, 1975r	6,407,305	2,489,456	8,896,761
Metric tonnes, 1976	6 502 160	2 380 797	8 882 957
Metric tonnes, 1975	5 812 609	2 258 396	8 071 005
% change	11.9	5.4	10.1
Cars, 1976	232,496	110,923	343,419
Cars, 1975r	224,127	109,787	333,914
% change	3.7	1.0	2.8

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

rRevised figures.

Canadian Passenger Car Imports

	First 9 Months 1975		First 9 Months 1976		Volume %	Change Between 9 Month Periods	
	Units (000)	Share %	Units (000)	Share %		Average Price %	Exchange Rate* %
United States	379.6	80.6	407.8	75.2	7.4	2.3	-3.3
Japan	50.8	10.8	87.4	16.1	72.0	1.8	-4.2
West Germany	17.4	3.7	24.3	4.5	39.7	-3.8	-8.7
United Kingdom	11.3	2.4	10.3	1.9	-8.8	4.1	-21.2
France	4.6	1.0	7.3	1.4	58.7	0.6	-12.9
Italy	5.6	1.2	2.2	0.4	-60.7	-8.5	—
Other Countries	1.3	0.3	2.9	0.5	123.1	-1.1	—
All Countries	470.6	100.0	542.2	100.0	15.2	-0.4	-9.0

*Minus (-) sign indicates depreciation of the value of the currency of the country against the Canadian dollar. Rate for all countries is the rate against the Canadian dollar of the SDR, a weighted average of sixteen major world currencies calculated by the International Monetary Fund.

Canada-United States Trade in Automotive Products

	1975	First 9 Months		Change Between
		1975	1976	9 Months
(\$ millions)				
United States Imports from Canada*				
Cars	2,858	2,051	2,528	477
Trucks, etc.	932	659	964	305
Parts	2,045	1,410	2,114	704
Tires and tubes	68	44	121	77
Total	5,903	4,164	5,727	1,563
Canadian Imports from United States				
Cars	2,183	1,458	1,601	143
Trucks, etc.	942	696	721	25
Parts	4,522	3,262	4,055	793
Tires and tubes	173	133	87	-46
Total	7,820	5,549	6,464	915
Balance				
Cars	675	593	927	334
Trucks, etc.	-10	-37	243	280
Parts	-2,477	-1,852	-1,941	-89
Tires and tubes	-105	-89	34	123
Total	-1,917	-1,385	-737	648
Excluded: retroactive adjustments to imported parts from U.S. for special tooling charges				

*A more accurate measurement of trade in automotive products is obtained by comparing the import statistics of each country. Accordingly, Canadian exports are derived from the counterpart U.S. statistics of imports.

Canada-Other Countries Trade in Automobile Products

	1975	First 9 Months		Change Between
		1975	1976	9 Months
(\$ millions)				
Canadian exports				
Cars	152	100	124	24
Other motor vehicles	242	184	156	-28
Parts	177	136	116	-20
Tires and tubes	5	4	6	2
Re-exports	10	8	8	—
Total	586	432	410	-22
Canadian imports				
Cars	365	257	366	109
Other motor vehicles	45	36	39	3
Parts	206	146	181	35
Tires and tubes	82	69	60	-9
Total	698	508	646	138
Balance	-112	-76	-236	-160

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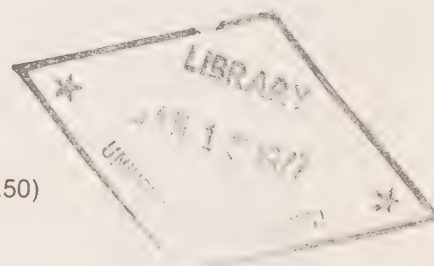
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Service Bulletin:

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 a year), Vol. 11, No. 30, Refined Petroleum Products, October 1976



Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

November 1976

	Year-to-date 1975	Year-to-date 1976	September	October	November
Carriers Reporting * **	18	18	18	18	18
Revenue Earned:					
Intercity & Rural Services*	101,963,661	111,995,217	11,063,316	9,269,570	8,420,257
Urban-Suburban Services	307,756	255,201	24,057	23,467	22,171
Other Services (e.g. charter)	14,085,628	16,195,172	1,611,439	1,608,733	885,475
Fare Passengers Carried:					
Intercity & Rural Services*	30,341,481	29,717,050	2,575,761	2,303,982	2,282,479
Urban-Suburban Services	864,201	628,388	60,087	58,688	56,851
Other Services (e.g. charter)	2,458,955	1,810,098	275,991	232,347	174,418
Vehicle Miles:					
Intercity & Rural Services*	105,813,982	108,336,706	10,257,268	9,206,193	8,632,517
Urban-Suburban Services	465,012	359,979	33,156	32,950	33,234
Other Services (e.g. charter)	12,069,929	12,648,099	1,029,540	1,352,349	705,700
Fuel Consumed:					
Diesel Oil (gals.)	16,760,483	17,467,913	1,627,829	1,500,063	1,376,369
Gasoline (gals.)	18,658	14,373	1,265	1,491	1,165

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.

** One carrier on strike.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), November 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available.

The following observations apply to the data:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Revenue vehicle miles run in a revenue service include miles run empty which were necessary to provide the revenue service.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit, November 1976 — Advance Information.

In November, 37 urban transit systems collected 107,855,149 initial passenger fares. Their vehicles travelled 29,881,458 vehicle miles and their operating revenues amounted to \$35,594,687.

For further information, order the November issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary statistics for November show that only 1.6 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 12.4% over November 1975. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased only 0.2% to 54,000. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.5 million, down 1.6% over 1975. Canadian residents returning from countries other than the U.S. numbered 83,000 and are not comparable to last year because of a change in definitions.

For further information, order the November issue of *International Travel* — *Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Oilseeds, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Oilseed crushings for November, with oil produced and meal produced in brackets (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 514,291 (86,661; 405,648).
- Rapeseed: 325,434 (133,127; 185,385).
- Sunflowerseed: 12,598 (5,414; 4,536).

For further information, order *Oilseeds Review* (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Road Motor Vehicle Revenues, 1975 — Advance Information.

Total provincial and territorial revenues from motive fuel taxes, vehicle registrations and other road-related revenues totalled \$2,081 million in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1976, up 4.9% from \$1,983 million in the 1974-75 fiscal year. Motive fuel taxes, which account for the bulk of this revenue, posted a gain of 4.7% to \$1,505 million in 1975-76 from \$1,438 million the year before.

On June 24, 1975, the federal government instituted an excise tax on gasoline consumed in non-commercial activities. Revenues from this tax during the 1975-76 fiscal year totalled \$425 million.

For further information, order *Road Transport Service Bulletin* (53-006, \$2.80 a year), or contact Mr. R.J. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, November 1976 — Advance Information.

In November, packers, dealers and tanners held 254,501 cattle hides, down from 282,358 a year earlier, and 98,643 calf and kip skins, down from 144,859. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 186,279 from 289,172 and wettings decreased to 203,081 from 290,039.

For further information, order the November issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30c./\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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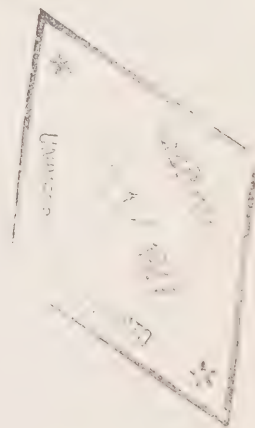
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Footwear Statistics, October 1976 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, October 1976 (35-001, 30¢/\$3)



Farm Cash Receipts, January-November 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-November period of 1976 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operation in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$8,937.5 million compared to \$9,024.9 million realized during the same period of 1975. These estimates included cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, cash advances on farm-stored grains in western Canada, and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the November issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January-November
(millions of dollars)

	1976	1975
Prince Edward Island	91.5	71.4
Nova Scotia	107.2	101.1
New Brunswick	98.3	84.9
Quebec	1,226.5	1,202.1
Ontario	2,413.2	2,321.7
Manitoba	816.3	850.3
Saskatchewan	2,152.2	2,332.4
Alberta	1,672.3	1,697.0
British Columbia	360.0	364.0
Canada	8,937.5	9,024.9

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Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 5, November 1976: No. 58, Builders and Shelf Hardware; No. 59, Sanitaryware

Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

	% Change					
	Nov. 1976*	Oct. 1976*	Nov. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov./76 Oct./76	Nov./76 Oct./75
General wholesale Index	515.3	510.9r	501.2	505.2	0.9	2.8
Vegetable products	439.7	428.1r	463.9	469.2	2.7	-5.2
Animal products	537.7	535.6r	557.4	572.7	0.4	-3.5
Textile products	462.5	460.3r	416.5	414.1	0.5	11.0
Wood products	701.0	698.9r	644.5	653.1	0.3	8.8
Iron products	574.4	570.2r	548.1	542.8	0.7	4.8
Non-ferrous metals including gold	451.3	447.9	422.5	424.6	0.8	6.8
Non-metallic minerals	442.6	442.2r	406.9	404.0	0.1	8.8
Chemical products	395.7	395.9r	386.8	386.9	-0.1	2.3
Summary Indexes						
Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold	610.3	607.2r	576.7	574.5	0.5	5.8
Raw and partly manufactured goods	470.6	460.4	478.7	484.5	2.2	-1.7
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	539.6	538.4	513.8	516.0	0.2	5.0

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), November 1976 — Advance Information.

The general wholesale price index increased 0.9% in November to 515.3 from the revised October index of 510.9. It was 2.8% higher than a year earlier. Seven of the eight major groups increased while one decreased.

The vegetable products index increased 2.7% to 439.7 from the revised October index of 428.1, due to higher prices recorded for tobacco, 40.9%, potatoes, 14.6%, fresh vegetables, 12.7% and tea, coffee and cocoa, 4.5%. Increases in gold of 19.5%, silver of 4.4% and tin of 3.8% were responsible for an 0.8% increase in the non-ferrous products index. The iron products index rose 0.7% in November, due mainly to a 4.5% increase in castings and forgings. Increases in raw cotton of 2.9%, worsted yarn of 1.9% and imported raw wool of 1.6% advanced the textile products index 0.5%. The animal products index rose 0.4%, wood products index 0.3% and the non-metallic Products index 0.1%.

Decreases for the period were slight. The chemical products group decreased 0.1% due mainly to soaps and detergents showing a decrease of 0.8%.

Financial Flows, Third Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Additional advance information on the third quarter of 1976, for selected sectors, is now available from the Financial Flows Section.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 8, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 8 was 271,067 short tons — 245 908 t (metric tonnes) — an increase of 12.4% from the preceding week's total of 241,253 short tons — 218 861 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 270,779 tons — 245 647 t (metric tonnes).

The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons —

166 221 t (metric tonnes) — equalling 100 was 147.9 in the current week, 131.7 a week earlier and 147.8 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, November 1976 — Advance Information.

New motor vehicles sold in November reached 102,583 units, down 9.3% from a year earlier. This included 63,519 passenger cars (down 16.6%) and 25,593 commercial vehicles (up 2.4%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 12,374 passenger cars (up 15.5%) and 1,097 commercial vehicles (down 6.2%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value decreased 3.5% to \$626.5 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$375.5 million (down 10.6%) and commercial vehicles for \$188.1 million (up 7.2%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 17.7% to \$57.7 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 4.6% to \$5.2 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 180 units of coaches and buses valued at \$5.5 million.

Seasonally-adjusted November sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased 19.1% from October to 65,765 units and those of passenger cars from overseas increased 4.3% to 13,804 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were down 25.3% to 28,555 units.

For the eleven months, total sales reached 1,198,696 units (1,203,841 in 1975), with an accumulated value of \$7,160.8 million. This represented an increase of 8.3% in value over sales for the corresponding period the previous year.

For further information, order the November issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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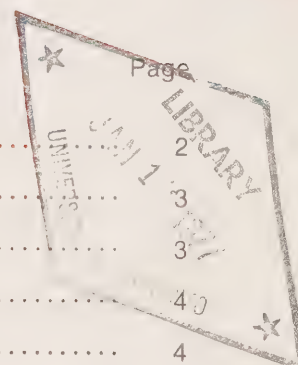
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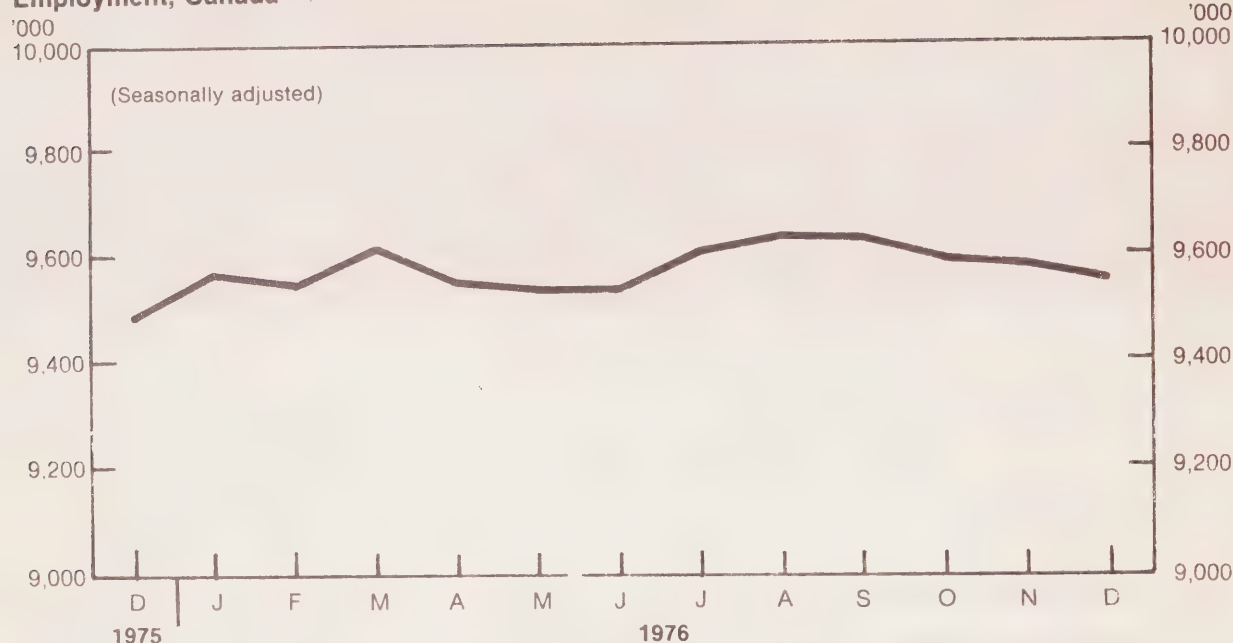
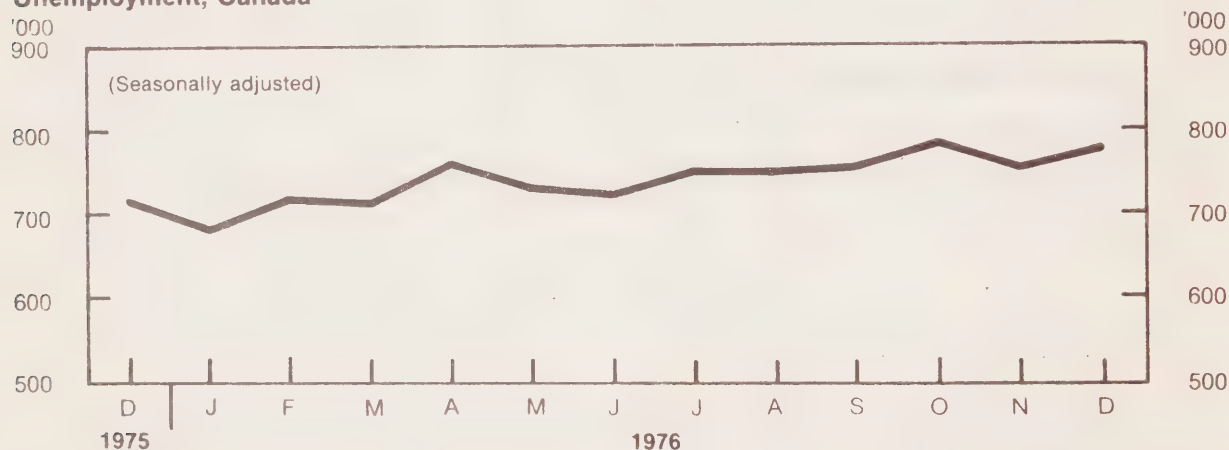
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The Labour Force, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Employment declined slightly and unemployment rose in December, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, giving an unemployment rate of 7.5%, up from 7.3% in November. The adjusted rate was 7.0% in December 1975.

There was a slight increase in the employment level for men age 25 and over but declines in employment for men 15 to 24 and for women in both age categories. There were increases in levels of unemployment for men and women in all age categories.

The adjusted employment level was estimated at 9,546,000 in December, down 33,000 from November. The unemployment level was estimated at 778,000, up 24,000 from November.

Without seasonal adjustment, the labour force in December was estimated at 10,230,000 with 9,476,000 employed and 754,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 7.4%. In November, the labour force was

estimated at 10,299,000 with 9,592,000 employed and 708,000 unemployed for a rate of 6.9%. In December 1975, the labour force was 10,095,000 with 9,402,000 employed and 693,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 6.9%.

Adjusted December unemployment rates for the provinces, with November rates in brackets: Newfoundland 13.8% (14.8%); Prince Edward Island 8.6% (10.1%); Nova Scotia 9.8% (11.2%); New Brunswick 10.3% (11.0%); Quebec 9.8% (9.8%); Ontario 6.5% (6.2%); Manitoba 4.9% (4.6%); Saskatchewan 3.4% (3.4%); Alberta 4.0% (3.5%); British Columbia 8.8% (7.3%).

For further information, order the December issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data

October 1976

Industry Division and Area	Employment Index Number									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July		Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	
	1976f	1976p	1976p	1976r	1975 1961=100	1975	1976f	1976p	1976p	1976r
Industry Division:										
Forestry	88.4	96.8	98.6	97.9	79.5	79.8	77.4	84.3	83.0	84.3
Mining	119.5	120.1	123.0	120.5	113.3	110.1	120.0	120.7	120.7	116.4
Manufacturing	128.7	129.1	131.0	129.5	127.0	126.5	126.8	127.2	128.6	128.9
Durables	140.4	138.9	141.3	140.2	141.2	139.0	138.1	137.4	140.5	140.1
Non-durables	119.3	121.2	122.8	120.9	115.5	116.4	117.9	118.4	119.4	119.3
Construction	121.5	115.4	123.3	122.8	130.7	132.6	109.2	102.1	108.8	110.7
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	131.4	131.8	132.8	132.0	118.2	128.6	130.1	130.0	131.0	128.0
Trade	174.0	170.3	167.1	168.2	173.3	168.5	170.3	170.2	171.3	172.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	186.5	186.7	185.5	185.5	177.1	177.6	186.6	187.1	184.7	183.1
Industrial Composite	246.4	248.1	250.8	256.7	236.8	239.7	245.5	244.4	239.9	247.2
	146.4	145.9	147.2	146.8	142.2	143.3	143.7	143.1	144.1	144.6
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	136.8	139.3	141.5	141.2	138.1	141.2	132.4	132.8	133.4	132.8
Newfoundland	139.8	144.6	147.5	147.1	147.4	149.6	132.4	133.8	138.8	136.0
Prince Edward Island	159.4	163.1	169.6	165.3	156.9	163.1	150.9	149.6	149.3	145.0
Nova Scotia	130.6	130.8	131.9	133.6	131.5	129.0	128.1	127.0	127.4	128.4
New Brunswick	140.4	144.0	146.5	144.4	138.1	148.3	136.7	137.0	135.9	134.3
Quebec	130.2	129.4	132.0	133.5	130.4	132.6	127.2	126.4	129.2	131.8
Ontario	149.6	148.7	149.3	148.3	143.7	145.8	147.0	146.7	148.2	147.4
Prairie Region	160.4	160.2	160.8	159.5	151.6	154.0	158.5	157.0	156.1	154.9
Manitoba	130.2	130.3	130.9	130.8	131.1	133.8	129.0	127.4	128.6	128.4
Saskatchewan	146.6	145.2	145.7	143.2	138.0	141.6	144.2	141.7	140.4	137.2
Alberta	191.3	191.5	192.2	190.2	174.5	176.0	189.2	188.2	186.4	184.0
British Columbia	170.1	170.3	170.2	168.2	161.9	151.9	167.8	167.5	167.0	164.3
Yukon	164.5	165.8	170.0	200.2	190.7	203.6	162.1	159.3	157.7	186.1
Northwest Territories	157.6	161.8	172.3	170.4	152.8	163.5	161.6	147.9	154.1	150.4
Canada	146.4	145.9	147.2	146.8	142.2	143.3	143.7	143.1	144.1	144.6

Employment, Earnings and Hours, October 1976 — Advance Information.

The first estimate, seasonally adjusted, of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for October showed a 0.4% increase over September. Increases were registered in construction, in transportation, communication and other utilities, in trade and in service. The remaining industries reported declines. Employment increased in all regions with the exception of the Atlantic region.

Average weekly earnings rose 0.3% at the national industrial composite level in October. Gains were recorded in mining, in construction, in trade and in service. At the regional level, only British Columbia registered a decrease.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners declined in mining and in manufacturing but increased in construction. The average hourly earnings for these three industry divisions increased in October.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes

on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours Catalogue No. 72-002*.

Detailed information for September and October will be published in the November issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7) and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see also pages 4,5 & 6)

Advertising Agencies, 1975 — Advance Information.

There were 242 advertising agencies operating in Canada in 1975, an increase of 10.0% from the 1974 total of 220. Total gross operating revenue of these establishments was reported at \$122.9 million (up 6.5% from \$115.4 million in 1974) and net profit before deduction for income taxes totalled \$10.8 million (up 6.0% from \$10.1 million in 1974). Salaries and wages paid by these establishments to their 4,721 employees totalled \$69.3 million.

For further information order the 1975 issue of *Advertising Agencies* (63-201, 70¢), or contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued)

Industry Division and Area	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Oct. 1976f	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976p	July 1976r	Oct. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1976f	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976p	July 1976r
						dollars				
Industry Division:										
Forestry	301.13	297.01	285.64	276.99	263.05	241.01	289.13	298.23	291.98	286.09
Mining	326.15	320.63	310.84	311.81	296.32	289.31	323.85	322.40	315.73	319.25
Manufacturing	247.58	246.21	241.93	240.00	222.80	218.59	244.35	244.67	244.45	242.79
Durables	263.75	263.03	258.54	254.95	239.48	234.79	258.27	258.66	260.36	258.60
Non-durables	232.23	230.68	226.52	226.01	206.27	202.89	231.77	232.35	228.69	227.33
Construction	342.70	335.54	332.69	334.39	321.57	314.13	329.36	322.88	327.32	332.13
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	269.62	269.35	266.53	265.92	248.02	237.72	270.43	270.59	267.33	265.84
Trade	181.22	178.92	178.72	181.13	163.37	162.02	182.39	179.67	176.74	176.73
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	215.29	215.53	214.10	216.37	197.80	195.17	217.53	218.61	217.10	216.05
Industrial Composite	162.63	160.70	161.56	163.52	148.08	146.19	162.86	162.37	160.96	161.63
	234.27	232.49	230.48	230.12	212.90	208.83	231.97	231.19	230.30	229.34
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	207.93	205.44	203.98	204.59	187.70	184.40	206.85	205.85	204.31	204.65
Newfoundland	228.98	226.50	223.53	223.85	206.88	200.27	225.53	226.07	224.05	223.09
Prince Edward Island	175.89	174.63	173.24	173.15	155.76	154.06
Nova Scotia	198.82	198.89	196.59	198.24	176.82	177.35	199.28	197.68	196.18	197.49
New Brunswick	207.86	204.16	202.49	202.22	190.37	184.42	207.40	207.92	204.54	204.51
Quebec	226.41	223.99	223.42	223.36	209.12	205.03	224.01	223.00	224.11	223.40
Ontario	235.29	233.42	231.30	230.74	214.31	210.69	232.73	232.00	231.51	230.33
Prairie Region	232.85	231.33	228.55	228.20	207.31	202.82	231.78	231.31	227.55	225.34
Manitoba	216.01	215.12	214.52	214.26	194.74	190.28	215.43	214.97	212.65	211.09
Saskatchewan	221.83	221.88	220.30	216.24	198.94	191.47	220.46	222.57	219.51	214.12
Alberta	245.92	243.53	239.13	239.93	217.94	214.54	244.92	243.26	238.22	237.18
British Columbia	267.06	267.46	263.83	263.47	236.32	236.10	260.70	262.76	260.44	263.05
Yukon	314.39	314.64	295.50	309.47	292.85	302.91
Northwest Territories	318.24	313.74	303.32	285.43	286.88	303.11
Canada	234.27	232.49	230.48	230.12	212.90	208.83	231.97	231.19	230.30	229.34

Motion Picture Theatres and Film Distributors, 1975 — Advance Information.

In 1975 there were 1,176 regular motion picture theatres and 316 drive-ins operating in Canada. Receipts from paid admissions totalled \$212.7 million and revenue from all other sources was \$51.1 million. The number of paid admissions was 97.5 million and amusement taxes collected amounted to \$16.0 million. Salaries and wages paid to 16,360 employees totalled \$48.7 million.

The 85 film distributing establishments operating in Canada had receipts totalling \$114.9 million, of which \$114.0 million was from rental of films. Salaries and wages paid by these establishments to their 808 employees totalled \$8.4 million.

For further information order the 1975 issue of *Motion Picture Theatres and Film Distributors* (63-207, 70¢), or contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Service Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Sugar Sales, December 1976 — Advance Information.

For December, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 78 625 911 kilograms (173,340,487 lbs.) of all types of sugar, 69 772 778 kilograms (153,822,667 lbs.) in domestic sales and 8 853 133 kilograms (19,517,820 lbs.) in export sales.

For further information contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued)

Industry Division and Area	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Oct. 1976f	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976p	July 1976r	Oct. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1976f	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976p	July 1976r
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining	40.3	39.9	39.3	39.8	40.5	39.7	39.9	40.1	39.8	40.6
Manufacturing	38.7	38.9	38.5	38.2	39.1	39.0	38.2	38.4	38.7	38.7
Durables	39.4	39.6	39.3	38.9	39.8	39.6	38.7	39.0	39.6	39.6
Non-durables	37.9	38.1	37.8	37.4	38.4	38.4	37.6	37.8	37.8	37.8
Construction	39.4	39.0	39.6	39.9	40.9	40.7	38.0	37.2	38.2	38.5
Building	37.6	37.1	37.3	37.9	39.0	38.4	36.4	35.8	36.5	37.2
Engineering	42.4	42.1	43.1	43.0	44.4	44.6	40.2	39.4	40.6	40.7
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	37.1	37.7	37.8	38.1	37.9	38.3	37.2	37.5	37.9	38.3
Quebec	38.9	38.9	38.8	38.0	39.8	39.7	38.2	38.3	38.8	38.7
Ontario	39.4	39.7	39.2	38.8	39.6	39.4	38.8	39.1	39.4	39.3
Prairie Region	37.2	37.4	36.9	36.9	37.6	37.4	36.8	37.3	37.1	37.2
British Columbia	35.9	36.2	35.8	36.3	36.3	35.1	35.8	36.3	36.4	36.7
dollars										
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining	7.65	7.54	7.37	7.34	6.88	6.78	7.64	7.56	7.42	7.39
Manufacturing	5.93	5.88	5.80	5.79	5.24	5.14	5.90	5.89	5.84	5.80
Durables	6.30	6.25	6.18	6.14	5.64	5.55	6.24	6.21	6.19	6.17
Non durables	5.53	5.50	5.41	5.44	4.78	4.70	5.55	5.56	5.46	5.42
Construction	8.91	8.76	8.56	8.55	8.04	7.89	8.84	8.75	8.68	8.77
Building	8.98	8.88	8.67	8.63	8.20	8.06	8.91	8.84	8.72	8.74
Engineering	8.82	8.59	8.42	8.43	7.78	7.65	8.74	8.57	8.58	8.67
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.45	5.27	5.19	5.22	4.73	4.63	5.44	5.39	5.37	5.33
Quebec	5.29	5.27	5.20	5.19	4.70	4.69	5.30	5.28	5.26	5.18
Ontario	6.03	5.96	5.90	5.90	5.38	5.32	6.01	5.95	5.94	5.94
Prairie Region	6.00	5.98	5.90	5.87	5.35	5.25	5.95	5.94	5.88	5.81
British Columbia	7.86	7.87	7.73	7.65	6.73	6.56	7.80	7.84	7.76	7.62

... figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

**Production, Shipments and Stocks on hand of
Sawmills East of the Rockies, September 1976 —
Advance Information.**

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in September to 424,400,000 feet board measure from 343,039,000 feet board measure in September 1975. Stocks on hand at the end of September totalled 899,143,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order the September issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Employment Indexes, Selected Industries, Canada

(1971=100)

(Seasonally-Adjusted)

Industry (1960 S.I.C.)	1971 percentage weights	July 1976r	Aug. 1976p	Sept. 1976p	Oct. 1976f
Industrial Composite	100.00	113.0	112.6	111.8	112.2
Forestry	1.21	106.0	104.4	106.0	97.4
Mining, including milling	3.16	101.2	105.0	105.1	104.5
Manufacturing	39.54	105.3	105.2	104.0	103.7
Durable Goods	19.14	105.6	105.9	103.7	104.2
Non-Durable Goods	20.39	104.5	104.9	103.9	103.4
Construction	5.85	96.6	94.9	89.0	95.2
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	16.01	111.6	114.2	113.4	113.4
Transportation	9.53	104.6	106.3	106.4	..
Storage	0.38	99.6	101.0	100.7	..
Communication	3.96	128.7	131.7	131.2	..
Electric Power, Gas and Water	2.15	114.4	116.9	118.4	..
Trade	17.58	122.2	121.5	120.7	120.8
Wholesale Trade	5.84	118.4	119.0	118.5	118.2
Retail Trade	11.73	124.2	122.9	121.7	122.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6.65	125.8	127.0	128.6	128.3
Service	10.01	133.6	129.6	132.0	132.6
Recreational Services	1.04	157.1	126.1	132.6	..
Business Services	2.31	140.9	141.0	141.5	..
Personal Services	4.68	123.3	124.1	124.8	..

.. figures not available.

f figures estimated based on limited number of returns.

p preliminary figures.

r revised figures.

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes

(1971=100), October 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table presents seasonally-adjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961-based data contained in *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

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Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components

(1971=100)

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Relative importance(1)	Indexes		% Change		% Contribution to total change	
		1976		1975		December 1976 from	
		Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975
All items	100	152.7	152.2	144.3	0.3	5.8	100
Food	28	166.0	165.4	167.2	0.4	-0.7	28
All items excluding food	72	147.9	147.4	136.4	0.3	8.4	72
Housing	32	154.5	153.9	140.5	0.4	10.0	49
Clothing	10	135.4	135.0	128.2	0.3	5.6	8
Transportation	14	148.3	148.1	136.5	0.1	8.6	5
Health and personal care	4	148.5	148.2	138.6	0.2	7.1	3
Recreation, education and reading	6	138.7	138.8	131.9	-0.1	5.2	-1
Tobacco and alcohol	6	138.1	137.5	128.2	0.4	7.7	8
Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar	—	0.65	0.66	0.69			
All items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100		203.7					

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1975.

The Consumer Price Index, December 1976 — Advance Information.

The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.3% from 152.2 in November to 152.7 in December. Higher shelter charges accounted for approximately two-fifths of this latest moderate increase while food prices, which had generally been declining in the last four months, rose 0.4% and were responsible for an additional one-quarter of the advance. In addition to the 0.4% increase in the food index, the index for all items excluding food advanced 0.3%.

Between December 1975 and December 1976, the all-items CPI advanced 5.8%, a figure considerably lower than the corresponding 9.5% increase registered between December 1974 and December 1975. When comparing the annual average indexes for both years, the 1976 annual average rise stood at 7.5%, again lower than the corresponding 10.8% increase recorded in 1975.

Higher prices for fresh milk, bread, processed fruit and vegetables, chocolate bars and coffee were largely responsible for the 0.4% rise in the food index level as were higher charges for restaurant meals. Partially offsetting these increases were lower prices for beef, pork, poultry and fresh fruit. In spite of this latest increase, the index for food consumed at home stood at a level 2.3% lower in December 1976 compared to December 1975.

Higher shelter charges, particularly those relating to home ownership, were largely responsible for the 0.3% increase in the index for all items excluding food. Notable price increases were also registered for tobacco products, dry-cleaning services and for train fares.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 0.2% in the

latest month while that for services increased 0.4%. Between December 1975 and December 1976, the price level of services increased 11.1% compared with a 2.8% rise for goods.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.5% between November and December. This included a 0.7% increase in the food index and a 0.3% rise in the index for all items excluding food.

In December, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was 6.8%.

(see table on next page)

Oil Pipeline Transport, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian oil pipelines received 2,414,000 B/D (383 800 m³/D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in October, 7.4% lower than the 2,606,000 B/D (414 300 m³/D) received a year earlier. Domestic petroleum and products decreased 4.8% to 2,096,000 B/D (333 200 m³/D) while imported petroleum and products decreased 21.5% to 318,000 B/D (50 600 m³/D).

For further information order the October issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

**Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and
Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada***

	All-items		Food		All-items excluding food	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1973						
May	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
June	0.9	0.7	1.9	1.6	0.6	0.5
July	0.9	0.5	1.9	0.9	0.5	0.3
August	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.9	0.5	0.6
September	0.6	1.0	0.9	2.0	0.5	0.6
October	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4
November	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.6	0.5	0.7
December	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7
1974						
January	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.5
February	1.0	1.1	2.3	1.9	0.5	0.8
March	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.5	0.8	0.7
April	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	1.0	1.0
May	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.8	1.2	1.1
June	1.3	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.3
July	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.5
August	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.9
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.7
October	0.9	1.2	1.4	2.3	0.7	0.7
November	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
December	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.9
1975						
January	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.6
February	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8
March	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.9	0.8
April	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.5
June	1.5	1.4	3.2	3.0	0.8	0.8
July	1.4	1.0	2.3	1.2	1.0	0.9
August	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9
September	0.2	0.6	-0.7	0.2	0.7	0.8
October	0.9	1.1	0.4	1.4	1.1	1.0
November	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0
December	0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.6
1976						
January	0.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	0.8	0.9
February	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	0.7	0.7
March	0.4	0.5	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.8
April	0.4	0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.6
June	0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.4	0.5	0.5
July	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.8	0.6	0.4
August	0.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	0.8	0.8
September	0.5	0.7	-0.7	0.1	1.0	1.0
October	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.8	1.0
November	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4
December	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.3

* Due to roundings, slight variations (never exceeding 0.1) may exist between the percentage change figures shown here and those previously published on a 1961=100 time reference base.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

January 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Jan. 7/77 This week	Dec. 31/76 Week ago	Dec. 10/76 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.1	101.9	95.5
Industrials	85	100.8	101.5	94.8
Foods	9	83.7	84.5	77.2
Alcoholic beverages	5	78.7	79.2	73.0
Textiles and clothing	3	115.8	115.6	118.0
Pulp and paper	7	133.5	135.1	128.8
Printing and publishing	5	107.3	107.1	100.5
Primary metals	4	107.1	108.2	103.7
Industrial mines	6	90.6	90.7	85.9
Metal fabricating	9	186.3	186.6	186.2
Non-metallic minerals	4	85.5	87.6	85.3
Petroleum	8	95.3	97.1	84.9
Chemicals	5	111.5	109.4	103.4
Construction	5	216.0	213.8	199.9
Trade	15	83.1	83.2	77.3
Utilities and services	28	93.4	94.3	88.4
Transportation	6	122.9	124.4	113.7
Pipelines	5	81.3	82.6	77.2
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	98.9	98.9	98.3
Telephone	4	95.9	96.7	94.0
Electric power	3	121.9	123.2	112.4
Gas distribution	5	72.5	72.2	65.8
Finances	21	113.9	115.7	109.9
Banks	8	118.7	121.1	115.5
Investment and loan	9	103.8	104.3	97.7
Insurance	4	96.1	96.6	91.1
Mining Index	17	100.7	101.6	100.7
Gold	9	178.5	181.8	185.2
Base metals	8	63.3	63.2	60.1
Uraniums	2	194.1	198.2	188.3
Primary oils and gas index	5	104.0	105.8	96.7

For further information, contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Retail Trade, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for November were \$4,832.9 million, an increase of 0.5% from the \$4,809.0 million recorded in October. Sales increased in 11 of the 28 trade groups. Household furniture stores (9.6%), furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (8.6%) and pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetics stores (8.6%) recorded the largest increases, while specialty shoe stores (-30.8%) and general merchandise stores (-24.4%) recorded the largest decreases. Six of the provinces recorded increased sales from October, ranging from 2.7% for British Columbia to 0.9% for Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Ontario.

Total retail trade, without seasonal adjustment, reached \$5,040.7 million in November, an increase of 7.4% over November 1975. Sales increased in 25 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by book and stationery stores (30.9%) and florists (26.3%). All provinces recorded increased sales over November 1975, ranging from a high of 13.3% for Alberta to 4.4% for Quebec. Montreal sales rose 3.3%,

Toronto 6.1%, Winnipeg 11.5% and Vancouver 7.2%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for October was \$5,035.5 million, an increase of 8.5% from October 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, January 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at January 1 amounted to 74.9 million pounds compared with last year's total of 48.6 million pounds.

For further information, order the January issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Railway Carloadings

10-day period ending December 31

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1976	2,876,315	2,183,750	5,060,065
Short tons, 1975r	2,247,407	2,050,554	4,297,961
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 609 349	1 981 065	4 590 414
Metric tonnes, 1975	2 038 813	1 860 231	3 899 044
% change	28.0	6.5	17.7
Cars, 1976	41,952	32,967	74,919
Cars, 1975r	34,021	30,714	64,735
% change	23.3	7.3	15.7
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1976	171,940	60,205	232,145
Short tons, 1975r	123,882	45,300	169,182
Metric tonnes, 1976	155 981	54 617	210 598
Metric tonnes, 1975	112 384	41 095	153 479
% change	38.8	32.9	37.2
Cars, 1976	4,827	2,625	7,452
Cars, 1975r	3,966	1,894	5,860
% change	21.7	38.6	27.2
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1976	135,877,282	104,441,239	240,318,521**
Short tons, 1975r	125,645,321	101,442,477	227,087,798
Metric tonnes, 1976	123 265 797	94 747 498	218 013 295
Metric tonnes, 1975	113 983 518	92 027 067	206 010 585
% change	8.1	3.0	5.8
Cars, 1976	2,159,970	1,617,488	3,777,458**
Cars, 1975r	2,073,154	1,610,203	3,683,357
% change	4.2	0.5	2.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1976	7,339,345	2,684,189	10,023,534**
Short tons, 1975r	6,531,187	2,534,756	9,065,943
Metric tonnes, 1976	6 658 142	2 435 055	9 093 197
Metric tonnes, 1975	5 924 993	2 299 492	8 224 485
% change	12.4	5.9	10.6
Cars, 1976	237,323	113,541	350,864**
Cars, 1975r	228,093	111,681	339,774
% change	4.0	1.7	3.3

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

**Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.

rRevised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended December 31, 1976 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

In the last 10 days of 1976, rail freight loadings in Canada totalled 5.1 million short tons (4.6 million metric tonnes), an increase of 17.7% over the same period of 1975. The number of cars loaded rose 15.7% to 74,919.

Traffic east of the Lakehead rose 28.0% in terms of tons during the current period and was up 6.5% in the West. Container-trailer freight on flat cars showed an over-all gain of 37.2% to 232,145 short tons (210 598 metric tonnes). Increases in this type of traffic were almost equally divided between the eastern and western divisions of the country.

During the year 1976 railways loaded 240.3 million short tons of revenue freight (218.0 million metric tonnes), an improvement of 5.8% over 1975. Eastern

traffic, which accounted for 56.5% of the total, rose 8.1% while western movements were up 3.0%. Piggy-back movements in containers and trailers increased 10.6% to over 10.0 million short tons (9.1 million metric tonnes). Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs.) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Imports by Commodities, September 1976 (65-007, 80¢/\$8)

Sales Financing, October 1976 (63-013, 30¢/\$3)

Railway Carloadings, November 1976 (52-001, 30¢/\$3)

Coal and Coke Statistics, September 1976 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)



Help Wanted Index, Canada and Regions, 1971 to 1976

Seasonally Adjusted
(1969=100)

Year	QI	QII	QIII	QIV	Annual Average	QI	QII	QIII	QIV	Annual Average
Canada						Atlantic Region				
1971	77	85	85	97	86	88	87	84	88	87
1972	106	111	118	126	115	84	97	103	131	104
1973	130	137	157	171	149	120	126	140	163	137
1974	192	208	212	183	199	212	234	240	260	237
1975	162	165	168	160	164	208	223	255	159	211
1976	170	148	155	156	157	127	139	155	129	137
Quebec						Ontario				
1971	79	93	93	105	93	74	82	76	90	80
1972	109	112	117	117	114	105	111	122	127	116
1973	128	125	151	158	141	133	139	159	162	148
1974	180	213	213	208	203	178	182	182	139	170
1975	179	193	219	212	201	124	120	115	103	115
1976	207	186	193	196	195	119	101	105	98	106
Prairie Region						British Columbia				
1971	79	81	92	100	88	70	74	90	99	83
1972	108	115	122	140	121	105	106	118	121	113
1973	129	142	155	197	156	133	159	176	197	166
1974	218	234	253	216	230	228	235	244	178	221
1975	195	209	188	194	196	157	153	150	148	152
1976	213	196	213	227	212	168	138	143	146	149

Help-wanted Index, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

In the fourth quarter of 1976, the seasonally-adjusted help-wanted index (1969=100) stood at 156, a fractional rise from the previous quarter but 3% lower than in the same quarter of 1975.

The annual index for 1976 decreased 4% to 157 from 164 in 1975. With the exception of the prairie region, where the index rose 8%, decreases ranged from 2% in British Columbia to 35% in the Atlantic Region.

For further information, contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Sales of Cement, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for November totalled 989,519 short tons — 897 676 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 256,104 tons — 232 334 t (metric tonnes) — and in Ontario 328,906 tons — 298 378 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact Gordon McWade (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Producers trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$27,322,971 in November compared to \$26,885,316 in November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 35,076 units in November, up from 34,965 in November 1975. Conventional washing machine sales were 6,808 units compared to 8,191. Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 33,704 units compared to 32,395 units a year earlier. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 1,429 units compared to 883.

For further information, order the November issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, November 1976 — Advance Information.

November production of rubber increased to 44,182,000 pounds — 20 040 000 kg (kilograms) — compared to 39,522,000 pounds — 17 926 000 kg (kilograms) in November 1975. Consumption of rubber increased to 64,174,000 pounds — 29 353 000 kg (kilograms) — compared to 53,338,000 pounds — 24 189 000 kg (kilograms).

For further information, order the November issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of refrigerators were 38,049 in November compared to 47,049 in November 1975 and month-end stocks totalled 79,242 units, up from 77,044. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 19,998 from 44,661 and month-end stocks increased to 58,592 from 12,806.

For further information, order the November issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50) or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Industrial Chemicals, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers shipped 54,463,372 pounds — 24 704 170 kg (kilograms) — of polyethylene type synthetic resins in November compared to 49,668,916 pounds — 22 529 442 kg (kilograms) — in November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Specified Chemicals* (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for December was 1,181,663 short tons — 1 071 987 (metric tonnes). Preliminary pig iron production for December was 926,658 short tons — 840 650 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, order the December issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

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Federal Government Activities in the Natural Sciences, 1975-1977 (13-202, \$1.05)

The Motor Vehicle, 1974 (53-218, 70¢)

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, November 1976 (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Quarterly Shipments of Flush Type Doors (Wood) by Canadian Manufacturers,
Quarter Ended September 30, 1976 (35-004, 35¢/\$1.40)

Service Bulletins:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year) Vol. 5, No. 60, Domestic and Farm Water Systems, November 1976

Electrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year) Vol. 5: No. 27, Domestic Water Tank Heaters; No. 28, Electric Lamps (Light Sources), November 1976

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year) Vol. 6, No. 29, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, August 1976

Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976				% Change
		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
Index of Industrial Production	29.497	120.4	119.9	118.1	119.0	0.8
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	109.7	110.8	112.5	112.6	0.1
Metal mines	1.584	112.3	112.2	108.1	107.7	-0.4
Mineral fuels	1.492	107.8	108.7	116.2	116.8	0.5
Non-metal mines (except coal mines)	.363	109.2	119.7	126.0	123.8	-1.7
Manufacturing industries	22.862	120.7	119.8	117.1	118.3	1.0
Food and beverage industries	3.254	109.5	109.7	110.8	109.8	-0.9
Tobacco products industries	.212	122.8	114.2	101.0	103.9	2.9
Rubber and plastics products industries	.650	156.0	152.0	153.1	151.7	-0.9
Leather industries	.206	101.2	102.5	101.2	96.0	-5.1
Textile industries	.756	109.0	106.7	106.1	106.2	0.1
Knitting mills	.205	106.4	104.8	103.2	103.7	0.5
Clothing industries	.742	120.6	119.2	117.4	117.3	-0.1
Wood industries	.968	120.0	125.0	124.0	123.6	-0.3
Furniture and fixture industries	.420	114.6	114.8	114.0	113.7	-0.3
Paper and allied industries	1.878	124.0	120.9	121.7	118.0	-3.0
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1.123	116.1	115.9	116.1	115.9	-0.2
Primary metal industries	1.976	107.0	104.9	99.4	98.7	-0.7
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries)	1.887	120.9	119.8	119.1	119.8	0.6
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery)	1.008	129.3	129.3	129.8	129.5	-0.2
Transportation equipment industries	2.571	137.1	136.2	116.2	129.8	11.7
Electrical products industries	1.631	120.2	120.5	119.3	119.0	-0.3
Non-metallic mineral products industries	.905	112.4	116.5	115.8	120.5	4.1
Petroleum and coal products industries	.394	121.3	117.4	118.6	124.8	5.2
Chemical and chemical products industries	1.363	130.6	132.6	134.9	134.2	-0.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	.713	109.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	—
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	132.4	132.8	133.5	133.4	-0.1
Special industry groupings:						
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	118.8	117.8	118.2	117.4	-0.7
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	122.6	121.8	116.0	119.3	2.8

Index of Industrial Production, November 1976 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased 0.8% in November to 119.0 from 118.1 in October. Manufacturing increased 1.0% during the month, while mining and utilities were virtually unchanged from October.

For further information, order the November issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wholesale Trade, November 1976 — Advance Information

Sales by wholesale merchants for November were estimated at \$4,382,505,000, a 13.6% increase compared with November 1975. In the consumer goods trades one of the most significant sales changes from November 1975 was registered by the tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks component, an increase of 37.8%. In the industrial goods trades, one of the

most notable items was an increase of 20.3% in the category of other construction materials and supplies including lumber.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$6,750,762,000, an increase of 14.8% over November 1975.

For further details, order the November issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of colour television sets were 38,866 sets in November and 2,789 black-and-white sets. In November 1975, sales were 46,258 and 6,002.

For further information, order the November issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Credit, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly was \$21,550 million at the end of November, 15.8% more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of November 1976, with percentage change from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$15,989 million, up 21.6%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: \$72 million, up 24.1%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,220 million, up 6.2%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$225 million, down 9.3%; large \$1,506 million, down 0.1%; instalment sales paper \$1,152 million, down 0.9%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,385 million, up 3.3%.
- Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$5,463 million at the end of the third quarter of 1976, up 15.4% from a year earlier. The largest such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported balances outstanding of \$3,700 million, up 17.1%. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores, other credit-card issuers, public utilities, and trust and mortgage companies.)
- Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the third quarter of 1976 totalled \$26,541 million, up 17.1% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the November issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Mineral Production, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Mineral production for November and 1976 to date, with comparable 1975 figures in brackets:

- Primary copper: 65,395 tons; 738,318 tons (69,374; 719,042).
- Primary nickel: 21,696 tons; 242,045 tons (21,846; 244,964).
- Gold: 143,359 troy ounces; 1,538,418 troy ounces (118,211; 1,486,867).
- Iron ore: 5,796,432 tons; 57,526,419 tons (5,049,869; 44,536,585).
- Silver: 3,165,657 troy ounces; 38,337,893 troy ounces (3,100,855; 36,052,460).
- Refined lead: 17,645 tons; 175,292 tons (16,254; 168,469).
- Refined zinc: 46,799 tons; 467,903 tons (41,074; 425,765).

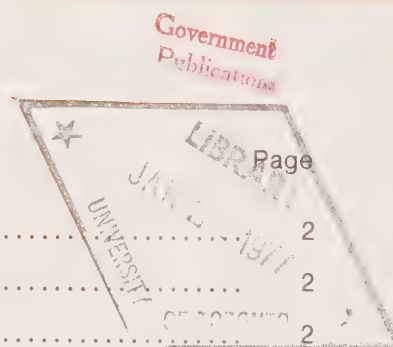
For further information, order the November issues of *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50), *Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), and *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Fruit and Vegetable Production

Advance information is now available for the last in a series of nine reports on 1976 fruit and vegetable production. Order *Fruit and Vegetable Crop Reports* (22-003, 40¢/\$3 for series), or contact Mr. G.O. Code (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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Oil Burners and Oil-Fired Hot Water Heaters, November 1976 (41-008, 15¢/\$1.50)

The Sugar Situation, November 1976 (32-013, 15¢/\$1.50)

Oils and Fats — Manufacturer's Sales

November 1976 — Advance Information

	Margarine		Shortening*		Salad Oil	
	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Retail Packages:						
1976	25,406	11 524	5,793	2 628	7,090	3 216
1975	23,095	10 476	5,312	2 409	5,931	2 690
Commercial Packages:						
1976	1,964	891	11,753	5 331	1,494	678
1975	1,067	484	14,583	6 615	1,149	521
Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers:						
1976	14,775	6 702	3,066	1 391	6,463	2 932
1975	14,026	6 362	3,433	1 557	6,353	2 882
Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers:						
1976	—	—	11,932	5 412	4,719	2 140
1975	—	—	12,782	5 798	5,096	2 311

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the November issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Refined Petroleum Products, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 53,824,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in November, an increase of 0.5% compared to the latest available data for November 1975.

Preliminary data shows net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 54,001,000 barrels, an increase of 14.2% over November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Footwear Statistics, November 1976 — Advance Information.

November production of footwear of all types increased to 3,886,675 pairs from 3,613,268 in November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Decorative Laminate Sheet, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Domestic shipments of 1/8-inch high pressure laminate sheet totalled 16.3 million square feet — 1.5 Mm2 (million square metres) — with a value of \$6.1 million in the December quarter of 1976. In the same quarter of 1975, totals were 19.0 million square feet — 1.8 Mm2 (million square metres) — and \$6.7 million.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Rubber and Plastic Industries Service Bulletin* (47-002, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Dairy Factory Production, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of creamery butter decreased 46.7% in December to 10.4 million pounds from 19.5 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production decreased 13.0% to 13.4 million pounds from 15.4 million pounds and production of ice cream mix increased 3.5% to 1.97 million gallons from 1.90 million gallons.

For further information, order the December issue of *Dairy Factory Production* (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, January 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 58.2 million pounds on January 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 75.7 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 54.8 million pounds from 65.3 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 2.7% to 320.5 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased 15.3% to 27.6 million.

For further information, order the January issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes,
November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 7,977,057 phonograph records in November, up from 6,590,382 in November 1975. Production of pre-recorded tapes increased to 2,410,268 from 1,893,520 (revised) in November 1975.

For further information, order *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin* (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, November 1976
— Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped 222,786,000 sq. ft. (3/8" basis) of softwood plywood in November, up from 176,500,000 sq. ft. in November 1975.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to 31,628,000 sq. ft. surface measure for November, an increase of 21.9% from November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywood* (35-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds, 3rd Quarter 1976 (74-001, 35¢/\$1.40)

Shipping Statistics, August 1976 (54-002, 30¢/\$3)

Farm Wages in Canada, November 1976 (21-002, 35¢/\$1.40)

Production of Eggs and Poultry, November 1976 (23-003, 30¢/\$3)

Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, October 1976 (32-004, 40¢/\$4)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, October 1976 (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

	Oct. 1976f	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976p	Oct. 1975
	(\$ millions)			
	Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Agriculture	79.1	96.7	107.8	64.0
Forestry	108.6	108.8	107.7	77.2
Mining	212.1	207.5	205.5	182.5
Manufacturing	1,876.0	1,879.5	1,865.2	1,665.5
Construction	725.3	687.9	740.9	780.5
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	868.5	899.3	865.6	738.2
Trade	1,119.4	1,093.7	1,088.5	1,014.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	508.6	508.7	502.1	445.5
Service	2,187.8	1,997.9	1,808.2	1,803.8
Public Administration and Defence(1)	738.1	746.2	748.6	627.1
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,429.8	8,235.6	8,048.7	7,403.4
Supplementary Labour Income	684.3	693.4	691.3	535.7
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,114.1	8,929.0	8,740.0	7,939.1
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Agriculture	72.2	70.9	69.6	58.8
Forestry	92.8	94.7	93.7	64.3
Mining	211.4	209.2	203.8	181.9
Manufacturing	1,830.4	1,838.4	1,843.6	1,624.1
Construction	640.6	599.1	651.5	690.7
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	866.7	889.6	845.8	736.4
Trade	1,102.2	1,097.5	1,103.4	999.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	515.1	516.6	504.0	451.0
Service	2,139.4	1,976.7	2,000.7	1,761.4
Public Administration and Defence(1)	749.4	747.7	730.0	636.5
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,228.1	8,047.6	8,050.5	7,209.9
Supplementary Labour Income	730.3	714.6	721.0	575.3
Total, Labour Income(2)	8,958.4	8,762.2	8,771.4	7,785.2

f First estimates

p Preliminary figures

(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.

(2) Includes fishing and trapping

Estimates of Labour Income, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Labour income, adjusted for seasonal variation, was estimated at \$8,958.4 million in October, up \$196.2 million or 2.2% from September. The major part of the gain was due to large retroactive payments to Quebec hospital employees.

A year-over-year comparison shows that unadjusted labour income estimates increased 14.8%.

Further details will be published in the Fourth Quarter issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20) and additional information can be obtained upon request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2

274,205 tons — 248 755 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons — 166 221 t (metric tonnes) — equalling 100 was 154.6 in the current week, 147.9 a week earlier and 149.7 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 15, 1976 — Advance Information

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 15 was 283,202 short tons — 256 917 t (metric tonnes) — an increase of 4.5% from the preceding week's total of 271,067 short tons — 245 908 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1975 was

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended January 7

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	1,920,865	1,344,847	3,265,712
Short tons, 1976r	1,623,703	1,287,738	2,911,441
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 742 579	1 220 025	2 962 604
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 472 999	1 168 216	2 641 215
% change	18.3	4.4	12.2
Cars, 1977	29,929	20,648	50,577
Cars, 1976r	25,214	20,427	45,641
% change	18.7	1.1	10.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	110,350	34,716	145,066
Short tons, 1976r	80,483	35,572	116,055
Metric tonnes, 1977	100 108	31 494	131 602
Metric tonnes, 1976	73 013	32 270	105 283
% change	37.1	-2.4	25.0
Cars, 1977	3,324	1,544	4,868
Cars, 1976r	2,582	1,503	4,085
% change	28.7	2.7	19.2

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

r Revised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended January 7, 1977 —
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Railways in Canada reported loadings totalling 3.3 million short tons (3.0 million metric tonnes) in the first week of 1977, an increase of 12.2% over the same 1976 period. Rail freight originated east of the Lakehead, which accounted for 58.8% of the total, was up 18.3%. In the West a 4.4% gain in volume was recorded.

The total number of cars loaded in the current seven days showed an increase of 10.8% over the 1976 period and the average tons per car rose to 64.6 from 63.8.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) at 145,066 short tons (131 602 metric tonnes) were 25.0% above the comparative 1976 period. Tonnages of this type of traffic were up 37.1% in the East but fell 2.4% in the West.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

January 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Jan. 14/77 This week	Jan. 7/77 Week ago	Dec. 17/76 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	100.2	101.1	95.8
Industrials	85	99.9	100.8	95.3
Foods	9	83.8	83.7	79.5
Alcoholic beverages	5	78.6	78.7	73.1
Textiles and clothing	3	110.5	115.8	112.7
Pulp and paper	7	132.1	133.6	127.9
Printing and publishing	5	106.2	107.3	101.1
Primary metals	4	105.2	107.1	102.9
Industrial mines	6	90.8	90.6	85.1
Metal fabricating	9	181.7	186.3	187.7
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.9	85.5	82.4
Petroleum	8	93.8	95.3	88.1
Chemicals	5	111.6	111.5	102.9
Construction	5	214.2	216.0	203.5
Trade	15	81.8	83.1	78.2
Utilities and services	28	92.8	93.4	89.1
Transportation	6	121.1	122.9	116.9
Pipelines	5	80.9	81.3	77.8
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	99.4	98.9	97.4
Telephone	4	95.8	95.9	92.1
Electric power	3	120.6	121.9	115.1
Gas distribution	5	71.6	72.5	67.5
Finances	21	112.9	113.9	108.3
Banks	8	117.0	118.7	113.1
Investment and loan	9	104.5	103.8	97.9
Insurance	4	96.9	96.1	91.8
Mining Index	17	99.8	100.7	98.7
Gold	9	175.9	178.5	179.5
Base metals	8	63.3	63.3	60.0
Uraniums	2	193.3	194.1	186.7
Primary oils and gas index	5	104.2	104.0	101.5

For further information, contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for November are now available, either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Merchandising Inventories, October 1976 (63-014, 40¢/\$4)

Restaurant Statistics, November 1976 (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50)

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, November 1976 (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, November 1976 (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Cement, November 1976 (44-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, 1976 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Service Bulletin:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 13, Pack of Processed Plums, 1976

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, November 1976 — Advance Information.

The preliminary value of manufacturers' shipments in November, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$8,290.8 million, 2.8% higher than the revised October estimate of \$8,063.7 million. Durable goods industries' shipments were estimated at \$3,781.7 million, an increase of 4% from the previous month's revised estimate of \$3,637.2 million. Shipments of non-durable goods industries, estimated at \$4,509.1 million, showed an increase of 1.9% from their October level.

The value of new orders received in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$8,360.0 million in November. This estimate was \$486.8 million or 6.2% higher than the revised estimate of \$7,873.2 million for October. In durable goods industries, a 10.3% increase in new orders in November to \$3,822.2 million from \$3,465.7 million in October was largely a reflection of higher-than-usual shipment levels in the motor vehicle manufacturing industries. The estimated value of new orders in non-durable goods industries of \$4,537.2 million was 2.9% higher than the revised October estimate of \$4,407.5 million. The preliminary estimate of the value of unfilled orders in all manufacturing at the end of November was \$9,448.2 million, 0.7% higher than the \$9,379.0 million estimate as revised for October. In durable goods industries, the value of the unfilled orders backlog was 0.5% higher and in non-durable goods industries it was up 2.2%.

There was a fractional decline in the value of total inventory owned, from \$16,651.5 million at the end of October to \$16,628.6 million in November, reflecting decreases in the values of raw materials and goods in process. The value of the finished products inventory on hand was estimated to be 1.3% higher at the end of November.

The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments fell from 2.06:1 to 2.01:1 and that of finished products inventory to shipments from 0.70:1 to 0.69:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in November had an estimated value of \$8,681.0 million, 4.5% higher than the \$8,303.6 million estimate for October.

For further information, order the November issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries*, (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H. D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Pulpwood and Wood Residue, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Roundwood production increased 43.2% to 1,416,895 cunits in November from 989,418 cunits in November 1975. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased 52.6% to 2,338,319 cunits from 1,532,555

and the closing inventory of these two products decreased 8.4% to 11,661,988 cunits from 12,726,760. Receipts of wood residue increased 55.7% to 1,023,257 cunits from 657,130.

For further information, order the November issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of January amounted to 124.8 million pounds compared with 127.4 million in December and 84.6 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the January issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, 30¢/\$3), or contact C. M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Production of Honey, 1976 — Advance Information.

The estimate of the 1976 honey crop stands at 56.1 million pounds, an increase of 9.7 million pounds over the revised 1975 crop of 46.4 million pounds.

For further information, order *Honey Production, 1976* (23-007, 35¢), or contact Miss K. Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Tobacco Products, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for December amounted to 4.9 billion compared to 4.5 billion for December 1975. Production of cigars was 45 million compared to 38 million for December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin* (32-022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1973 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976r	Sept. 1976	Nov. 1975
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments: Total	8,681.0	8,303.6	8,538.9	7,718.5
Non-durable	4,680.4	4,546.1	4,621.8	4,148.2
Durable	4,000.6	3,757.5	3,917.1	3,570.4
New Orders: Total	8,690.0	8,155.3	8,452.3	7,701.2
Non-durable	4,688.7	4,547.4	4,611.8	4,139.2
Durable	4,001.3	3,608.0	3,840.5	3,562.1
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,378.2	9,369.2	9,517.4	10,298.8
Non-durable	1,291.8	1,283.5	1,282.3	1,231.5
Durable	8,086.4	8,085.7	8,235.2	9,067.4
Inventory Owned: Total	16,501.6	16,502.6	16,316.0	15,464.2
Inventory Held: Total	17,414.7	17,393.3	17,210.0	16,272.9
Raw materials	7,277.1	7,307.4	7,180.1	6,943.2
Goods in process	4,560.9	4,572.6	4,489.7	4,300.6
Finished Products	5,576.8	5,513.3	5,540.3	5,029.1
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Shipments: Total	8,290.8	8,063.7	8,130.6	7,603.5
Non-durable	4,509.1	4,426.5	4,413.3	4,109.2
Durable	3,781.7	3,637.2	3,717.3	3,494.3
New Orders: Total	8,360.0	7,873.2	8,123.2	7,654.2
Non-durable	4,537.2	4,407.5	4,448.2	4,118.2
Durable	3,822.8	3,465.7	3,675.0	3,536.0
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,448.2	9,379.0	9,569.5	10,382.2
Non-durable	1,321.8	1,293.7	1,312.7	1,260.3
Durable	8,126.4	8,085.3	8,256.8	9,121.9
Inventory Owned: Total	16,628.6	16,651.5	16,398.1	15,551.6
Inventory Held: Total	17,528.1	17,528.3	17,275.9	16,345.3
Raw materials	7,270.8	7,314.8	7,170.0	6,930.4
Goods in process	4,536.7	4,569.0	4,462.4	4,267.3
Finished products	5,720.6	5,644.5	5,643.5	5,147.6
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	2.01	2.06	2.02	2.05
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.68

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Seasonally Adjusted				
	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976r	% change	Jan.-Nov. 1976p	Jan.-Nov. 1975
	(\$ millions)				
Newfoundland	60.1	46.1	30.3	566.7	658.3
Nova Scotia	189.7	175.0	8.4	1,944.7	1,730.0
New Brunswick	146.7	147.2	-0.3	1,665.1	1,501.8
Quebec	2,271.1	2,221.6	2.2	23,522.8	21,748.1
Ontario	4,508.5	4,212.3	7.0	46,027.0	40,362.7
Manitoba	221.9	216.1	2.6	2,428.4	2,341.7
Saskatchewan	87.6	92.5	-5.3	1,035.3	995.2
Alberta	429.3	425.1	1.0	4,537.7	4,077.5
British Columbia	756.6	757.7	-0.1	7,986.4	6,566.3
Canada*	8,681.0	8,303.6	4.5	89,829.4	80,082.8

*Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

p Preliminary figures

r Revised figures.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

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Trade Statement Release Dates

Following are release dates (all Fridays) for the monthly Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade published in the *Daily*.

Month	Release Date
January 1977	February 25, 1977
February 1977	March 25, 1977
March 1977	April 29, 1977
April 1977	May 27, 1977
May 1977	June 24, 1977
June 1977	July 22, 1977
July 1977	August 26, 1977
August 1977	September 23, 1977
September 1977	October 28, 1977
October 1977	November 25, 1977
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Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities, December 1976 (62-009, 30¢/\$3)

Estimates of Labour Income, July-September 1976 (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Imports by Commodities, October 1976 (65-007, 80¢/\$8)

Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, October 1976 (61-005, 40¢/\$4)

Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 1, Summerfallow and Stubble, Acreage and Yield of Specified Crops, Prairie Provinces — Available January 21, 1977 at 3 p.m. E.S.T., (22-002E, \$5.60 for series of 20)

Transcontinental and Regional Air Carrier Operations, September 1976 (51-001, 40¢/\$4)

Copper and Nickel Production, November 1976 (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Iron Ore, November 1976 (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, November 1976 (43-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, November 1976 (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Specified Chemicals, November 1976 (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 32, Crude Oil Requirements, 1st Quarter 1977

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7: No. 1, Monthly Telephone Statistics, November 1976; No. 2, Telecommunication Statistics, Third Quarter 1976

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, December 1976.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPIs show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Some such intercity price comparisons are published separately. For reference see footnote to tables.

From November to December, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with the exception of Thunder Bay, where no over-all change was observed. Increases ranged from 0.1% in Halifax, Edmonton and Vancouver to 0.7% in Saint John, N.B. Higher home ownership charges and increased prices for dry-cleaning, tobacco products and restaurant meals were largely responsible for these advances. Food at home prices generally increased, notably for coffee, chocolate bars, milk and bread. These were partially offset by price decreases for meat, poultry and fresh fruit.

St. John's

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.2%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, sugar and chocolate bars; higher home ownership charges, increased prices for selected clothing items and for tobacco products.

Halifax

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.1%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.2%.

Main contributors: increased home ownership charges; higher prices for clothing, dry-cleaning services and cigarettes. Food at home prices declined while restaurant meal prices were up.

Saint John

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.7%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.6%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh milk, pork and fresh vegetables; higher home ownership charges and electricity rates. Increases also registered for tobacco products and dry-cleaning services.

Quebec City

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.3%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.1%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, bread, soft drinks, chocolate bars and restaurant meals; increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher dry-cleaning charges.

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Montreal

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.5%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.6%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for beef, bread, fresh fruit, dairy products and restaurant meals; higher prices for dry-cleaning and for tobacco products.

Ottawa

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.8%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for clothing, dry-cleaning services and for tobacco products. Food at home prices declined slightly while restaurant meal prices moved up.

Toronto

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.3%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.7%.

Main contributors: increased home ownership charges; higher prices for footwear and tobacco products. Food at home prices declined slightly while restaurant meal prices increased.

Thunder Bay

All items: November to December 1976, no change; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.9%.

Main contributors: increased home ownership charges; higher prices for dry-cleaning and for tobacco products. Food at home prices were down while restaurant meal prices increased.

Winnipeg

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.2%.

Main contributors: higher prices for restaurant meals and chocolate bars; increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation. Taxi fares and prices for tobacco products were also up.

Saskatoon

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.3%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for clothing and tobacco products. Lower prices registered for beef, pork and fresh produce.

Regina

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.2%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 7.9%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for tobacco products and dry-cleaning services. Food at home prices declined.

Edmonton

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.1%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.6%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges; higher prices for dry-cleaning services, cigarettes and parking. Food at home prices declined while restaurant meal prices moved up.

Calgary

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.2%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.2%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for

tobacco products, dry-cleaning and personal care supplies. Gasoline and food at home prices declined.

Vancouver

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.1%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 8.6%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for dry-cleaning. Lower prices registered for food at home.

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Coal and Coke Statistics, October 1976 — Advance Information.

October coal production increased 4.0% to 2,686,406 tons (2 437 067 metric tons) from 2,524,086 tons (2 289 812 metric tonnes) in October 1975. Imports decreased to 1,792,128 tons (1 625 791 metric tonnes) from 2,066,565 tons (1 874 756 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 2,203,006 tons (1 998 533 metric tonnes) of coal, up 505,281 tons (458 383 metric tonnes), and 502,495 tons (455 856 metric tonnes) of coke, down 8,750 tons (7 938 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the October issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Department Store Sales and Stocks, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Department store sales were \$669.6 million in November, an increase of 12.3% from \$596.3 million in November 1975. Sales rose in 38 of the 40 departments, with only millinery (-4.3%) and women's and misses' coats and suits (-0.1%) showing a decrease. The largest sales increases were recorded by stationery, books and magazines (22.5%) and toys and games (19.1%). All provinces reported increased sales over November 1975, ranging from a high of 22.7% for New Brunswick to 6.2% for British Columbia. Increases for metropolitan areas were: Montreal 10.2%, Toronto 15.8%, Winnipeg 13.5% and Vancouver 4.1%.

The selling value of stocks held was \$2,118.3 million, an increase of 22.8% over November 1975. Inventories increased in 37 departments, with only toys and games (-16.1%), meals and lunches (-11.7%) and stationery, books and magazines (-0.2%) recording decreases. The largest increases were recorded by sporting goods and luggage (40.1%) and furniture (36.7%).

For further information order the November 1976 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
St. John's								
December 1976 index	158.4	181.4	156.0	130.7	153.1	159.9	138.9	141.0
November 1976 index	157.7	180.2	155.5	129.9	153.2	159.4	138.3	140.5
% change from November 1976	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.4
% change from December 1975	6.2	4.1	8.8	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.2	1.7
Halifax								
December 1976 index	148.3	166.8	143.9	128.7	152.5	139.7	133.5	135.1
November 1976 index	148.1	167.2	143.5	128.0	152.4	139.9	133.6	134.0
% change from November 1976	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.8
% change from December 1975	5.2	0.9	6.8	4.7	8.7	7.9	4.6	6.6
Saint John								
December 1976 index	152.0	173.9	147.8	128.9	148.4	153.4	147.9	130.9
November 1976 index	151.0	171.8	147.0	128.0	148.1	153.5	147.9	129.1
% change from November 1976	0.7	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.2	-0.1	0.0	1.4
% change from December 1975	5.6	1.9	9.4	5.5	4.2	6.1	5.6	5.1
Quebec City								
December 1976 index	148.6	169.5	142.9	130.3	149.3	140.8	138.3	139.6
November 1976 index	148.1	167.5	142.6	130.7	149.2	140.8	138.2	139.2
% change from November 1976	0.3	1.2	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
% change from December 1975	6.1	2.0	9.2	5.3	7.3	6.2	7.3	9.5
Montreal								
December 1976 index	149.8	170.5	139.4	138.1	150.9	144.8	141.8	141.2
November 1976 index	149.1	168.5	138.9	137.6	150.9	144.4	141.6	140.8
% change from November 1976	0.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3
% change from December 1975	5.6	1.2	8.9	5.7	7.4	5.0	5.2	9.5
Ottawa								
December 1976 index	150.0	161.4	148.6	143.1	145.3	146.7	135.2	140.1
November 1976 index	149.4	161.0	147.7	141.4	145.3	146.9	136.2	139.5
% change from November 1976	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	0.4
% change from December 1975	5.8	-1.9	10.3	7.9	6.8	7.8	4.2	8.4
Toronto								
December 1976 index	149.3	163.4	145.6	133.3	147.0	155.3	138.8	138.3
November 1976 index	148.8	163.2	144.7	132.8	147.0	154.8	139.1	137.6
% change from November 1976	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.5
% change from December 1975	5.7	-2.8	9.8	5.2	9.9	8.2	4.3	8.6
Thunder Bay								
December 1976 index	151.3	165.9	150.9	128.1	154.9	150.7	137.4	136.3
November 1976 index	151.3	167.6	150.1	126.9	154.9	150.1	137.1	135.8
% change from November 1976	0.0	-1.0	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.4
% change from December 1975	5.9	-0.8	9.3	5.6	8.9	8.2	5.4	8.1
Winnipeg								
December 1976 index	153.5	168.0	157.6	134.2	144.9	154.2	137.2	139.3
November 1976 index	152.9	167.2	157.1	133.8	144.4	153.6	137.3	138.5
% change from November 1976	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.6
% change from December 1975	6.2	0.1	12.1	5.1	5.2	7.1	5.3	8.7
Saskatoon**								
December 1976 index	149.1	164.8	147.7	138.0	138.9	142.5	150.2	134.4
November 1976 index	148.5	164.8	147.0	136.8	138.9	141.7	149.5	133.3
% change from November 1976	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.8
% change from December 1975	6.3	1.4	9.7	7.2	5.0	6.7	6.1	10.3
Regina**								
December 1976 index	150.3	160.1	152.3	135.3	140.7	149.5	153.7	137.0
November 1976 index	150.0	160.4	151.6	134.5	141.2	149.2	153.5	134.8
% change from November 1976	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.6	-0.4	0.2	0.1	1.6
% change from December 1975	7.9	2.8	12.5	5.6	6.3	10.7	7.5	10.9

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
Edmonton**								
December 1976 index	151.2	160.8	156.5	136.2	150.4	140.1	139.0	129.9
November 1976 index	151.0	161.6	155.9	135.7	150.0	140.4	138.6	129.3
% change from November 1976	0.1	-0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.5
% change from December 1975	6.6	2.7	10.5	6.2	6.4	5.7	7.6	1.3
Calgary**								
December 1976 index	149.9	158.5	151.7	139.8	147.8	144.6	141.2	131.9
November 1976 index	149.6	158.8	151.3	139.1	148.3	143.7	141.2	129.2
% change from November 1976	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.6	0.0	2.1
% change from December 1975	6.2	-0.9	11.8	6.6	5.5	7.0	8.9	2.9
Vancouver								
December 1976 index	155.2	172.6	151.6	138.0	156.0	150.6	133.4	137.5
November 1976 index	155.1	172.7	151.1	138.1	155.9	150.4	133.7	137.4
% change from November 1976	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
% change from December 1975	8.6	1.9	11.1	5.6	18.6	9.9	4.8	4.9

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).

** These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supercede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see *Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin*, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-005).

Provincial Government Finance

	Revenue 1974/75 (\$ millions)	Change (%)	Expenditure 1974/75 (\$ millions)	Change (%)
Newfoundland	700	24.7	792	28.2
Prince Edward Island	161	15.2	166	19.3
Nova Scotia	904	16.0	912	16.1
New Brunswick	794	16.8	843	25.3
Quebec	8,238	25.7	7,967	25.6
Ontario	8,925	20.7	9,655	25.1
Manitoba	1,118	17.3	1,154	21.8
Saskatchewan	1,268	41.5	1,078	34.5
Alberta	3,223	62.1	2,363	35.6
British Columbia	2,930	24.5	2,913	37.8
Yukon	45	9.8	56	26.9
Northwest Territories	113	11.7	139	16.2
Total	28,419	26.6	28,038	27.2

Provincial Government Finance, 1974-75 — Advance Information.

The 1974-75 gross general revenue of all provinces and territories reached \$28,419 million, 26.6% more than a year earlier. Gross general expenditure was up 27.2% to \$28,038 million.

Further information, including complete provincial breakdowns of revenue and expenditure, will be contained in *Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure, 1974* (68-207, \$2.10). For advance information contact G.G. Raymond (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars



Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, December 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Both exports and imports on a balance-of-payments basis reached record high levels in 1976. Exports increased 14% from \$33,347 million in 1975 to \$38,019 million in 1976 while imports recorded a lower growth rate of 8.5% from \$33,986 million to \$36,887 million. The merchandise trade deficit of \$639 million in 1975, the first deficit since 1960, reverted to a surplus of \$1,132 million in 1976.

Following a slight decline in imports in the third quarter of 1975, both exports and imports, seasonally adjusted, increased in successive quarters until the third quarter of 1976, when imports dipped about 1% before recovering in the final quarter. From a high total of \$9,973 million in the third quarter, exports fell 5% in the December quarter. The peak quarterly surplus in 1976 of \$793 million was recorded in the third quarter.

Exports by Countries (Customs Basis)

Increased exports to the United States accounted for some 84% of the growth in Canadian exports in 1976, reflecting the strength of the economic recovery in that country. Shipments increased 19% to \$25,782 million in 1976, in contrast to a gain of only 1% in 1975. The U.S. share of Canadian exports increased to 67.8% from 65.4% in 1975.

An increase of some \$1,780 million in shipments of motor vehicles and parts accounted for 43% of the increase in exports to the U.S. Increases were \$555 million for cars, \$395 million for trucks and \$830 million for parts, on the strength of a marked recovery in new vehicle sales. The value of natural gas deliveries continued to expand, up \$525 million in 1976, but

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Merchandise Trade of Canada

	Customs Basis		Balance of Payments Basis				Trade Balance
	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted		
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports (\$ millions)	Exports	Imports	
1975							
Third Quarter	7,748	8,119	7,874	7,966	8,445	8,503	-58
Fourth Quarter	8,853	8,918	8,998	8,746	8,581	8,542	39
1976							
First Quarter	8,786	9,134	8,635	8,989	9,088	9,210	-122
Second Quarter	10,098	10,030	10,151	9,885	9,502	9,253	249
Third Quarter	9,335	8,729	9,317	8,598	9,973	9,180	793
Fourth Quarter	9,809	9,499	9,916	9,415	9,456	9,244	212
1976							
July	3,033	2,921	2,958	2,876	3,038	3,027	11
August	3,061	2,871	3,104	2,833	3,463	3,121	342
September	3,241	2,937	3,255	2,889	3,472	3,032	440
October	3,189	2,995	3,239	2,979	3,147	2,947	200
November	3,382	3,483	3,410	3,457	3,008	3,126	-118
December	3,238	3,021	3,267	2,979	3,301	3,171	130

*In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

crude oil shipments declined about \$765 million. Forest products rebounded \$990 million from the low levels of 1975 — with lumber up \$465 million, pulp up \$170 million and newsprint up \$235 million. Chemical exports gained \$265 million and those of non-ferrous metals \$250 million. Smaller but important gains occurred in exports of cattle, meat, fish, steel materials and other industrial and consumer goods.

Overseas countries contributed 16% of the 1976 increase in Canadian exports, distributed as follows: European Economic Community 7.3%; Japan 5.5%; other OECD countries 2.9%; and Central and South America 3.6%. Exports to overseas countries other than the above declined in 1976. The ranking of individual overseas countries as export markets was Japan, the United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, U.S.S.R., Italy, Belgium-Luxembourg, Netherlands and France. Due to a sharp reduction, more than 50%, in wheat purchases, the People's Republic of China was not numbered among the 10 leading countries in 1976. Exports to Japan of a wide variety of commodities were higher in 1976, including wheat, barley, coal, asbestos, lumber, pulp and fertilizers. But shipments of rapeseed, zinc ores and aluminum were reduced.

Imports by Countries (Customs Basis)

Following an expansion of 10.3% in 1975, Canadian imports from the U.S. rose 8.9% to \$25,662 million in 1976. This change constituted over three-fourths of the total import increase of \$2,756 million. The proportion of imports originating in the U.S. rose from

67.4% in 1974 to 68.0% and 68.6% in the following two years. A rise of one billion dollars in imports of motor vehicles and parts (vehicles \$190 million, parts \$810 million) accounted for 47% of the total increase in imports. There were increases of varying magnitude in imports of a number of other commodities: meat \$100 million; lumber and paperboard \$80 million; chemicals \$200 million; machinery \$170 million; other equipment and tools \$400 million; and other consumer goods \$200 million. Imports of aircraft, parts and assemblies declined by \$250 million and those of steel materials by \$100 million.

Imports increased from all the main overseas sources in 1976 except the European Economic Community. By individual countries, the nine leading sources of imports following the U.S. were: Japan, Venezuela, the United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, Iran, Saudi Arabia, France, Italy and Australia. The ranking from fifth place down did not change from 1975, but fourth-place Venezuela became third as crude oil from this country displaced petroleum imports from the Middle East to some extent.

Following a 15.5% drop in 1975, imports from Japan rebounded 26.5% to \$1,524 million in 1976. Although a number of products contributed to this increase, it was concentrated in automobiles, television and telecom-

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munication equipment. Imports of motor vehicles and parts rose by \$125 million as did those of television and related products. Smaller increases were registered in imports of tools, equipment, photographic and other consumer goods. Imports of steel pipes, some other industrial materials and machinery were lower.

Coffee imports rose some \$80 million in 1976. The value of raw sugar imports fell by roughly \$200 million, owing largely to the sharp contraction in average prices between the two years. Crude oil imports decreased about \$30 million as the volume of western oil delivered to Montreal by pipeline increased since the startup in mid-year.

Price and Volume Changes

Rates of increase in the average prices of both exports and imports have declined over the past few years. Export prices rose 32.5% in 1974, 11% in 1975 and only 3% in 1976 (1976 estimated on the basis of partial data). The increases for average import prices were 23.5% in 1974, 15.5% in 1975 and fractional in 1976. There was thus a slight improvement in Canada's terms of trade (ratio of export to import prices) in 1976. The rise in the volume of exports in this year is estimated at about 12% and real imports grew roughly 7%.

Commodity Export Patterns in 1976

Natural gas and lumber shipments were stronger in the second half of 1976. Exports of wheat, petroleum products, trucks and automotive parts were weaker in the second half year, with wheat falling about a third in the final quarter from the preceding quarter. Shipments of metallic ores, pulp, newsprint, fertilizers and passenger cars were highest in the third quarter. The sharp fall in automobile exports in the October-December quarter was largely due to the strike affecting the Ford Motor Company. Crude oil deliveries to the U.S. declined in successive quarters.

The rise of 5.5% in exports in the month of December was mainly due to motor vehicles and parts. Smaller gains were recorded in exports of wheat, machinery, non-ferrous metals and fertilizers, but shipments of metallic ores, lumber and pulp declined.

Commodity Import Patterns in 1976

Imports of industrial machinery were stronger in the first half than in the latter half of 1976. Imports in the second half of the year were higher in the cases of passenger cars, trucks, computers, telecommunication and other equipment, apparel and other consumer goods. The third was the strongest quarter for imports of trucks, automotive parts, computers and apparel. After peaking in the second quarter, imports of crude oil declined in the second half year. Imports of passenger cars were steady in the two middle quarters, but increased in the last quarter to a level of 3% above the first.

Automotive products, in particular vehicle parts, made a major contribution to the 2.5% increase in December imports. Imports of sugar and consumer goods rose moderately. There was a decline between November and December in imports of crude oil, coal, machinery and some industrial materials.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the December issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

(see tables on pages 9-14)

Particle Board, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 51,309,000 sq. ft. (5/8" basis) of particle board in November compared to 41,369,000 sq. ft. in November 1975, an increase of 24%.

For further information, order the November issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, January 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on January 1 totalled 34.8 million pounds compared with 39.0 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 150.5 million pounds (154.3 million in 1976).

For further information, order the January 1 issue of *Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables* (32-010, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975							
Third Quarter	8,676.9	6,505.9	6,026.9	290.6	2,359.4	484.4	260.4
Fourth Quarter	8,704.3	6,524.3	6,080.5	286.3	2,337.5	508.5	265.5
1976							
First Quarter	9,295.3	6,981.8	6,336.8	306.3	2,652.2	509.4	367.6
Second Quarter	9,384.6	7,126.5	6,362.3	290.2	2,732.1	492.7	366.0
Third Quarter	9,370.5	6,998.7	6,486.5	256.5	2,627.5	492.4	383.2
Fourth Quarter	9,304.4	6,974.4	6,449.3	299.8	2,555.3	535.0	401.4
1976							
July	3,099.2	2,327.3	2,102.0	85.3	911.9	164.5	128.7
August	3,162.1	2,328.0	2,209.2	86.6	866.3	154.7	123.0
September	3,109.3	2,343.4	2,175.3	84.7	849.3	173.2	131.6
October	2,929.5	2,246.9	1,983.2	97.8	848.5	195.3	128.8
November	3,148.2	2,371.9	2,176.0	109.6	862.6	168.3	135.2
December	3,226.7	2,355.7	2,290.1	92.4	844.2	171.4	137.3
Percent changes							
December/November	2.4	-0.6	5.2	-15.7	-2.1	1.8	1.5
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5	16.8	-2.7	8.6	4.7
Dec. 76/Dec. 75	9.3	6.2	13.9	0.4	-0.6	-2.1	68.4

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Oct. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Oct. 1975	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,144.0	2,442.5	2,058.8	1,931.1	2,152.5	2,208.8	11.0	13.4	-6.7
United Kingdom	82.8	114.1	97.1	86.2	85.6	106.2	-3.9	33.3	-8.5
Other E.E.C.	160.2	187.7	192.3	170.5	166.2	175.8	-5.9	12.9	9.3
Japan	131.8	159.4	137.6	79.2	101.1	105.1	66.3	57.6	30.9
Other O.E.C.D.	121.2	105.2	101.2	86.3	111.8	106.9	40.5	-5.8	-5.3
Other America	137.6	167.6	182.5	151.3	127.8	187.7	-9.0	31.1	-2.7
Other Countries	243.1	306.9	225.5	325.3	241.7	211.1	-25.2	26.9	6.8
All Countries	3,020.7	3,483.4	2,995.0	2,829.9	2,986.7	3,101.6	6.7	16.6	-3.4
	Year-to-Date						Dec-Dec Percent Changes		
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	76 75	75 74	
United States	25,661.7	23,517.7	23,559.3	21,628.2	21,356.7	19,538.0	8.9	10.3	
United Kingdom	1,153.3	1,070.5	1,222.0	1,135.7	1,126.3	1,020.5	-5.6	8.4	
Other E.E.C.	2,028.4	1,868.2	2,073.9	1,903.4	1,920.2	1,740.1	-2.1	8.0	
Japan	1,523.8	1,391.9	1,205.3	1,126.1	1,429.8	1,301.2	26.4	-15.6	
Other O.E.C.D.	1,231.2	1,110.0	1,194.4	1,108.1	1,113.3	1,011.8	3.0	7.2	
Other America	2,051.3	1,913.7	1,802.2	1,650.8	2,015.2	1,851.3	13.8	-10.5	
Other Countries	3,741.4	3,498.3	3,578.5	3,253.3	2,730.6	2,472.2	4.5	31.0	
All Countries	37,391.1	34,370.3	34,635.6	31,805.6	31,692.1	28,935.1	7.9	9.2	

Table 3

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Oct. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Oct. 1975	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	4.5	8.7	10.6	4.2	6.7	6.0	7.4	29.2	75.7
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	244.8	262.4	260.5	200.6	252.0	270.2	22.0	4.1	-3.6
Meat and fish	47.5	54.5	44.0	31.6	37.4	34.1	50.3	45.9	28.9
Fruits and vegetables	77.8	77.9	86.3	62.2	61.9	76.5	24.9	25.7	12.7
Raw sugar	23.1	13.2	29.8	24.4	65.3	53.1	-5.0	-79.8	-43.8
Crude Materials, Inedible	337.0	423.3	344.8	465.9	356.2	355.0	-27.6	18.8	-2.8
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	47.6	28.0	36.6	30.8	48.8	43.7	54.1	-42.6	-16.2
Coal	42.1	64.8	56.6	61.1	66.2	59.4	-31.1	-2.1	-4.6
Crude petroleum	173.3	260.7	190.4	308.0	192.9	179.3	-43.7	35.1	6.2
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	476.2	575.1	502.9	483.2	526.0	547.5	-1.4	9.3	-8.1
Wood and paper	49.6	59.2	55.6	73.4	79.2	77.5	-32.3	-25.2	-28.2
Textiles	62.0	75.1	67.2	60.0	70.4	74.6	3.3	6.6	-9.8
Chemicals	130.2	147.6	135.9	126.3	129.2	141.1	3.1	14.2	-3.6
Iron and steel	58.5	83.2	58.1	58.0	66.4	61.7	0.9	25.2	-5.8
Bars and rods, steel	7.6	12.6	7.7	9.6	10.7	7.3	-20.8	17.3	4.8
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	15.1	21.3	16.9	18.6	17.7	18.4	-18.6	20.3	-8.1
Non-ferrous metals	49.5	49.5	37.7	42.7	34.7	32.3	15.9	42.3	16.6
End Products, Inedible	1,877.6	2,169.4	1,832.3	1,649.6	1,819.7	1,893.2	13.8	19.2	-3.2
General purpose machinery	99.8	131.8	103.8	101.7	104.1	123.2	-1.8	26.5	-15.7
Special industry machinery	144.4	165.0	145.8	136.0	130.9	148.5	6.1	25.9	-1.8
Machine tools, metalworking	12.9	16.8	11.4	12.9	12.6	12.6	0.1	33.7	-9.1
Agricultural machinery and tractors	102.2	110.3	97.6	96.3	85.9	82.2	6.1	28.4	18.6
Transportation equipment	907.0	1,017.1	762.8	798.5	936.6	886.0	13.6	8.6	-13.9
Sedans, new	235.7	290.0	212.3	225.8	287.6	245.2	4.3	0.8	-13.4
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	28.8	40.7	28.7	24.1	28.1	23.2	19.6	44.7	23.3
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	72.9	73.9	49.4	69.6	70.1	65.6	4.6	5.4	-24.6
Other motor vehicles	25.2	30.0	45.3	20.7	27.2	25.3	21.2	10.1	79.3
Motor vehicle engines	45.3	48.2	32.9	45.1	44.9	40.2	0.4	7.5	-18.0
Motor vehicle engine parts	50.5	52.3	28.7	27.5	40.2	42.6	83.7	29.8	-32.6
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	367.5	408.8	298.2	305.8	355.9	330.8	20.1	14.8	-9.8
Aircraft, complete with engines	14.6	5.3	7.9	11.8	10.4	29.1	23.6	-49.4	-72.7
Other equipment and tools	333.4	402.4	396.1	281.1	304.5	344.7	18.5	32.1	14.9
Electronic computers	38.1	41.5	35.9	33.1	29.1	31.9	15.1	42.8	12.6
Special Transactions, Trade	80.9	44.5	43.9	26.4	26.0	29.6	206.6	71.4	48.2
Total	3,020.7	3,483.4	2,995.0	2,829.9	2,986.7	3,101.6	6.7	16.6	-3.4

Table 3 (Continued)

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Dec.-Dec. Percent Changes	
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	76/75	75/74
	1976	1976	1975	1975	1974	1974		
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	108.7	104.2	75.3	71.1	111.8	105.0	44.3	-32.6
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	2,765.4	2,520.6	2,606.7	2,406.0	2,404.4	2,166.6	6.0	8.4
Meat and fish	545.7	498.2	337.7	306.1	314.0	284.7	61.6	7.5
Fruits and vegetables	861.3	783.5	773.5	711.3	693.3	630.5	11.3	11.5
Raw sugar	253.8	230.6	459.2	434.8	401.8	353.7	-44.7	14.2
Crude Materials, Inedible	5,089.9	4,752.9	5,087.1	4,621.2	4,072.7	3,726.5	0.0	24.9
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	429.5	381.9	468.4	437.6	397.3	360.3	-8.3	17.9
Coal	544.3	502.2	576.3	515.2	302.9	280.0	-5.5	90.2
Crude petroleum	3,272.0	3,098.7	3,303.6	2,995.6	2,646.2	2,415.4	-0.9	24.8
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	6,198.8	5,722.7	5,944.3	5,461.0	6,481.6	5,941.3	4.2	-8.2
Wood and paper	740.8	691.2	644.6	571.2	559.3	520.6	14.9	15.2
Textiles	838.8	776.8	740.4	680.4	816.9	756.3	13.2	-9.3
Chemicals	1,679.0	1,548.8	1,475.6	1,349.3	1,537.2	1,410.1	13.7	-4.0
Iron and steel	722.2	663.6	936.8	878.8	1,259.6	1,146.2	-22.9	-25.6
Bars and rods, steel	92.4	84.7	136.1	126.5	247.5	232.2	-32.1	-44.9
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	205.1	189.9	276.9	258.3	472.2	420.4	-25.9	-41.3
Non-ferrous metals	485.6	436.1	426.6	384.0	608.1	557.6	13.8	-29.8
End Products, Inedible	22,679.1	20,801.5	20,597.5	18,947.9	18,332.3	16,733.5	10.1	12.3
General purpose machinery	1,313.0	1,213.3	1,347.8	1,246.1	1,142.9	1,041.9	-2.5	17.9
Special industry machinery	1,902.8	1,758.5	1,860.2	1,724.2	1,577.5	1,435.9	2.2	17.9
Machine tools, metalworking	145.3	132.4	172.2	159.3	149.1	132.6	-15.6	15.4
Agricultural machinery and tractors	1,323.1	1,220.9	1,237.4	1,141.2	901.7	822.4	6.9	37.2
Transportation equipment	10,224.4	9,317.4	9,474.7	8,676.3	8,399.9	7,619.2	7.9	12.8
Sedans, new	2,445.3	2,209.6	2,288.8	2,063.0	1,817.4	1,667.2	6.8	25.9
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	358.8	330.0	259.4	235.3	204.8	191.2	38.3	26.6
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	839.9	767.0	809.5	739.9	829.5	759.7	3.7	-2.4
Other motor vehicles	337.8	312.7	324.2	303.4	281.8	258.5	4.2	15.0
Motor vehicle engines	517.4	472.1	437.3	392.2	400.5	363.4	18.3	9.1
Motor vehicle engines parts	461.7	411.2	390.7	363.2	333.3	305.6	18.1	17.2
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	4,303.0	3,935.4	3,627.5	3,321.7	3,227.1	2,932.3	18.6	12.4
Aircraft, complete with engines	109.3	94.7	290.9	279.1	376.4	303.2	-62.4	-22.7
Other equipment and tools	4,174.1	3,840.8	3,530.0	3,248.9	3,486.5	3,207.3	18.2	1.2
Electronic computers	430.6	392.5	343.3	310.2	333.1	304.5	25.4	3.0
Special Transactions, Trade	549.3	468.4	324.7	298.3	289.4	262.2	69.1	12.2
Total	37,391.1	34,370.3	34,635.6	31,805.6	31,692.1	28,935.1	7.9	9.2

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	Total excluding cars and wheat	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975								
Third Quarter	8,253.0	6,536.3	6,103.5	5,489.4	450.6	2,313.0	600.9	564.3
Fourth Quarter	8,494.9	6,805.7	6,274.6	5,687.1	356.2	2,451.6	507.4	547.5
1976								
First Quarter	9,166.1	7,255.6	6,730.3	6,127.0	433.4	2,605.7	613.5	675.5
Second Quarter	9,503.7	7,293.5	6,878.6	6,514.0	481.1	2,508.6	620.1	566.1
Third Quarter	9,892.1	7,808.8	7,358.2	6,704.8	507.8	2,679.5	723.7	585.0
Fourth Quarter	9,395.2	7,536.2	7,155.9	6,406.6	424.3	2,564.3	703.2	612.0
1976								
July	3,129.6	2,497.2	2,306.6	2,070.4	175.5	883.7	186.5	197.6
August	3,383.0	2,623.6	2,519.0	2,367.9	162.6	852.5	287.2	144.4
September	3,379.7	2,688.1	2,532.6	2,266.6	169.8	943.3	250.0	243.0
October	3,116.7	2,672.6	2,448.2	2,025.2	138.8	952.7	229.0	247.3
November	3,053.6	2,372.7	2,293.9	2,041.5	158.1	854.0	295.6	153.3
December	3,224.9	2,490.9	2,413.8	2,339.9	127.5	757.5	178.6	211.5
			Percent changes					
December/November	5.6	4.9	5.2	14.6	-19.3	-11.2	-39.5	37.9
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	-5.0	-3.4	-2.7	-4.4	-16.4	-4.2	-2.8	4.6
Dec. 76/Dec. 75	10.3	4.8	10.5	21.5	-12.5	-11.2	-6.4	-2.9

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Oct. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Oct. 1975	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,267.6	2,261.0	2,123.4	1,896.6	1,972.3	2,053.6	19.5	14.6	3.4
United Kingdom	139.2	160.8	157.8	150.1	122.9	103.0	-7.2	30.8	53.1
Other E.E.C.	207.9	299.4	252.0	222.3	191.8	142.6	-6.4	56.1	76.7
Japan	192.7	191.2	209.8	197.8	128.5	204.8	-2.5	48.7	2.4
Other O.E.C.D.	78.3	112.2	70.7	75.4	63.3	63.4	3.8	77.4	11.4
Other America	107.8	140.8	173.9	121.6	150.3	114.0	-11.3	-6.2	52.4
Other Countries	244.0	216.9	201.8	273.2	281.3	323.9	-10.6	-22.8	-37.6
All Countries	3,237.5	3,382.3	3,189.4	2,937.0	2,910.4	3,005.3	10.2	16.2	6.1
	Year-to-Date						Dec.-Dec. Percent Changes		
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	76/75	75/74	
United States	25,782.5	23,515.0	21,652.4	19,755.8	21,399.5	19,598.3	19.0	1.1	
United Kingdom	1,848.1	1,708.9	1,789.3	1,639.2	1,928.5	1,753.0	3.2	-7.2	
Other E.E.C.	2,646.7	2,438.7	2,347.0	2,124.7	2,174.6	1,965.9	12.7	7.9	
Japan	2,390.6	2,198.0	2,122.1	1,924.3	2,231.3	2,097.3	12.6	-4.8	
Other O.E.C.D.	1,054.6	976.3	911.6	836.1	1,132.6	1,040.3	15.6	-19.5	
Other America	1,737.8	1,630.0	1,561.6	1,440.0	1,584.9	1,406.0	11.2	-1.4	
Other Countries	2,567.7	2,323.7	2,719.6	2,446.4	1,989.9	1,834.5	-5.5	36.6	
All Countries	38,028.0	34,790.6	33,103.6	30,166.5	32,441.3	29,695.3	14.8	2.0	

Table 6
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Oct. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Oct. 1975	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	12.9	13.7	13.6	15.8	13.5	13.7	-18.8	0.9	-1.2
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	344.7	332.6	382.8	410.9	358.5	432.6	-16.1	-7.2	-11.5
Meat and fish	51.2	55.4	70.4	45.9	57.1	58.7	11.4	-3.0	19.9
Cereals and preparations	209.6	189.8	227.2	291.8	239.8	295.8	-28.1	-20.8	-23.1
Wheat	121.7	108.9	125.4	212.1	172.9	205.4	-42.6	-37.0	-38.9
Crude Materials, Inedible	682.0	727.4	677.9	789.9	692.4	647.2	-13.6	5.0	4.7
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	177.6	222.1	230.1	219.8	204.6	141.3	-19.1	8.5	62.8
Crude petroleum	167.8	168.7	171.7	270.3	264.0	256.9	-37.9	-36.1	-33.1
Natural gas	147.0	153.5	132.8	132.5	115.6	104.8	10.9	32.7	26.7
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	981.3	1,089.3	1,065.7	736.7	803.4	786.5	33.2	35.5	35.5
Wood and paper	529.6	611.2	561.4	340.2	332.0	331.4	55.6	84.1	69.4
Lumber, softwood	140.3	160.3	146.1	78.5	69.6	62.2	78.8	130.2	134.9
Wood pulp and similar pulp	170.2	186.0	178.6	145.3	123.1	105.3	17.2	51.1	69.6
Newsprint paper	173.0	195.9	181.2	84.1	105.8	125.7	105.5	85.1	44.1
Textiles	9.1	10.1	7.8	7.0	8.0	9.9	30.1	26.1	-21.4
Chemicals	107.1	112.5	130.7	90.8	100.3	90.2	17.8	12.1	44.9
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	39.8	39.7	55.8	37.5	47.5	39.8	6.0	-16.4	40.0
Petroleum and coal products	45.7	43.3	39.8	54.0	71.0	57.0	-15.3	-39.0	-30.1
Iron and steel	57.9	67.3	75.5	54.7	73.2	73.0	5.8	-8.0	3.5
Non-ferrous metals	168.4	179.8	188.4	144.7	166.4	169.6	16.3	8.0	11.1
Copper and alloys	37.3	41.3	46.9	38.8	38.6	44.2	-4.0	6.8	5.9
Nickel and alloys	45.4	43.0	45.1	22.5	30.7	40.6	101.9	39.7	11.2
End Products, Inedible	1,125.1	1,134.8	964.3	918.6	966.8	1,039.3	22.4	17.3	-7.2
Industrial machinery	87.7	78.3	75.8	72.4	83.9	83.9	21.1	-6.5	-9.6
Agricultural machinery and tractors	49.0	36.9	35.5	43.7	42.6	56.6	12.0	-13.2	-37.3
Transportation equipment	790.7	820.4	669.3	654.9	680.9	714.5	20.7	20.4	-6.3
Passenger automobiles and chassis	327.5	325.0	247.7	259.3	304.0	292.6	26.3	6.9	-15.3
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	126.7	129.9	105.2	97.5	98.6	86.4	29.9	31.7	21.7
Other motor vehicles	11.5	20.0	13.4	9.2	16.4	14.2	24.7	21.7	-5.7
Motor vehicle engines and parts	84.4	84.2	60.2	43.3	52.7	59.7	94.6	59.9	0.7
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	183.6	203.0	178.4	134.6	154.8	190.1	36.4	31.1	-6.1
Other equipment and tools	82.6	82.2	73.0	64.0	64.5	75.1	28.9	27.5	-2.8
Special transactions, Trade	13.8	6.8	9.7	8.9	12.0	6.4	55.1	-43.2	51.8
Total	3,159.7	3,304.6	3,113.9	2,880.9	2,846.6	2,925.7	9.6	16.0	6.4

Table 6 (Continued)

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Dec.-Dec. Percent Changes	
	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	76 75	75 74
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	133.3	120.5	83.3	67.5	89.9	83.9	60.0	-7.3
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	4,102.6	3,757.9	4,013.5	3,602.5	3,780.5	3,480.2	2.2	6.1
Meat and fish	715.1	663.9	576.7	530.8	524.8	482.9	24.0	9.8
Cereals and preparations	2,568.1	2,358.4	2,703.9	2,412.1	2,555.6	2,355.7	-5.0	5.8
Wheat	1,705.5	1,583.8	2,001.2	1,789.0	2,064.9	1,909.0	-14.7	-3.0
Crude Materials, Inedible	8,254.0	7,572.0	7,950.6	7,160.7	7,793.2	7,103.2	3.8	2.0
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	2,501.5	2,323.9	2,231.1	2,011.3	2,375.8	2,196.2	12.1	-6.0
Crude petroleum	2,288.0	2,120.2	3,051.5	2,781.2	3,419.9	3,118.3	-25.0	-10.7
Natural gas	1,616.5	1,469.5	1,092.2	959.7	493.6	430.0	48.0	121.2
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	12,102.5	11,121.2	9,840.3	9,103.6	10,695.7	9,821.8	22.9	-7.9
Wood and paper	6,408.1	5,878.4	5,011.4	4,671.2	5,508.8	5,065.0	27.8	-9.0
Lumber, softwood	1,605.4	1,465.1	948.6	870.1	1,254.5	1,184.9	69.2	-24.3
Woodpulp and similar pulp	2,172.1	2,001.8	1,826.6	1,681.4	1,888.8	1,724.3	18.9	-3.2
Newsprint paper	1,993.0	1,820.0	1,742.6	1,658.4	1,725.9	1,568.4	14.3	0.9
Textiles	99.7	90.6	99.5	92.4	136.2	128.4	0.2	-26.9
Chemicals	1,359.4	1,252.3	1,020.0	929.1	984.8	888.1	33.2	3.5
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	547.2	507.4	456.3	418.8	421.2	376.6	19.9	8.3
Petroleum and coal products	557.2	511.5	638.5	584.5	611.3	553.4	-12.7	4.4
Iron and steel	831.4	773.5	747.8	693.1	755.8	677.1	11.1	-1.0
Non-ferrous metals	2,132.7	1,964.3	1,715.2	1,570.5	2,004.9	1,864.2	24.3	-14.4
Copper and alloys	515.9	478.6	475.0	436.1	653.8	621.6	8.6	-27.3
Nickel and alloys	443.6	398.2	413.6	391.2	440.3	406.9	7.2	-6.0
End Products, Inedible	12,477.1	11,352.0	10,358.7	9,440.1	9,235.5	8,433.1	20.4	12.1
Industrial machinery	876.9	789.2	918.5	846.1	762.9	690.2	-4.5	20.3
Agricultural machinery and tractors	538.3	489.3	541.5	497.8	398.5	360.2	-0.5	35.8
Transportation equipment	8,871.1	8,080.4	7,083.3	6,428.4	6,333.0	5,795.0	25.2	11.8
Passenger automobiles and chassis	3,629.2	3,301.7	3,014.3	2,755.0	2,731.4	2,484.8	20.4	10.3
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	1,395.2	1,268.6	1,056.1	958.6	895.5	804.8	32.1	17.9
Other motor vehicles	160.2	148.7	144.3	135.0	114.9	102.9	11.0	25.5
Motor vehicle engines and parts	774.8	690.4	518.3	475.0	460.8	431.9	49.4	12.4
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	2,181.9	1,998.3	1,616.4	1,481.8	1,514.0	1,407.8	34.9	6.7
Other equipment and tools	825.6	743.0	742.2	678.2	662.4	599.6	11.2	12.0
Special Transactions, Trade	143.4	129.6	78.7	69.9	79.6	71.5	82.0	-1.0
Total	37,212.9	34,053.1	32,325.1	29,444.3	31,674.5	28,993.7	15.1	2.0

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Real Domestic Product, November 1976 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product advanced 0.4% to 124.3 in November from 123.8 in October. The index of industrial production increased 0.8% in November.

Goods-producing industries rose 0.3% in November due almost entirely to a 1.0% increase in manufacturing industries. Forestry, mining and utilities were virtually unchanged from October. Decreases were recorded in construction, agriculture and fishing and trapping. Within manufacturing, durables manufacturing increased 2.8% as a result of a significant increase in output of transportation equipment, following resumption of production by one of the major manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts. Producers of non-metallic mineral products also recorded significant gains in November. Primary metals declined mainly because of further strikes in the smelting and refining industry. In non-durables manufacturing, decreases were recorded in food and beverages, rubber and plastic products, leather industries, pulp and paper manufacturers and chemical and chemical products manufacturers.

Service-producing industries advanced 0.4% in November, the sixth consecutive monthly increase. Increases were recorded in transportation, storage and communication, trade, finance, insurance and real estate and community, business and personal services. The most significant increase was in community, business and personal services, up 0.5% in November. In transportation, storage and communication, pipeline transport recorded the largest increase due to higher deliveries of crude petroleum to Montreal. In trade, both retail and wholesale trade advanced slightly, although within retail trade department stores and motor vehicle dealers declined. Public administration and defence remained relatively unchanged.

For further information, order the November issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to November were valued at \$1,238.9 million, an increase of 19.3% above the 1975 figure of \$1,038.1 million. Repair parts for the same period had a value of \$146.7 million.

For further information, order the November issue of *Farm Implements and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Stoves and Ranges, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in November increased 24.9% to 41,972 units from 33,614 units in November 1975. Closing inventory of these products increased 58.9% to 82,415 units from 51,858.

For further information, order the November issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 918.7 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in October compared to 601.3 million in October 1975. January to October production increased to 8,792.3 million feet board measure from 6,087.7 million feet board measure for the same period in 1975.

For further information, order the October issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976				% Change
		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
Real Domestic Product	100.000	124.2	124.0	123.8	124.3	0.4
Agriculture	3.371	97.8	96.2	94.2	93.0	-1.3
Forestry	.715	116.4	122.6	112.5	113.2	0.6
Fishing and Trapping	.181	88.1	86.3	89.3	81.9	-8.3
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	109.7	110.8	112.5	112.6	0.1
Manufacturing industries	22.862	120.7	119.8	117.1	118.3	1.0
Construction industry	6.990	122.9	116.0	122.3	121.6	-0.6
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	132.6	132.7	130.9	131.5	0.5
Transportation	5.874	124.3	123.8	121.3	121.7	0.3
Air transport and services incidental to air transport	.679	171.5	174.3	169.8	171.7	1.1
Railway transport	1.700	123.9	122.9	114.8	113.8	-0.9
Bus transport, interurban and rural	.089	133.2	133.4	130.0	126.1	-3.0
Urban transit systems	.250	125.4	122.2	119.0	115.7	-2.8
Pipeline transport	.489	123.5	116.9	125.4	134.3	7.1
Storage	.258	100.5	103.4	96.6	98.5	2.0
Grain elevators	.177	96.8	101.4	89.8	93.2	3.8
Communication	2.964	151.7	152.9	152.9	153.8	0.6
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	132.4	132.8	133.5	133.4	-0.1
Trade	11.367	133.1	133.4	133.8	134.2	0.3
Wholesale trade	4.509	124.2	125.8	124.0	124.5	0.4
Wholesale merchants	3.242	125.6	127.3	125.8	125.7	-0.1
Retail trade	6.858	139.0	138.4	140.2	140.6	0.3
Food stores	1.368	116.1	117.8	118.5	119.4	0.8
General merchandise stores	1.562	141.3	143.3	143.9	142.5	-1.0
Department stores	.927	162.3	164.8	164.3	162.6	-1.0
Other general merchandise stores	.635	110.6	111.8	114.1	113.1	-0.9
Motor vehicle dealers	.697	162.1	152.8	155.8	154.0	-1.2
Clothing stores	.462	128.4	132.6	133.4	131.9	-1.1
Hardware stores	.098	128.4	124.4	121.7	121.3	-0.3
Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores	.177	153.1	144.5	141.7	150.7	6.4
Drug stores	.290	173.9	169.8	163.4	172.0	5.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	128.6	129.4	130.5	131.0	0.4
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	124.1	125.0	125.6	126.3	0.6
Education and related services	6.509	112.8	113.5	114.0	114.8	0.7
Health and welfare services	5.272	128.8	129.4	129.8	130.5	0.5
Amusement and recreation services	.427	156.2	151.5	151.5	149.6	-1.3
Services to business management	2.311	132.8	133.4	133.5	133.6	0.1
Personal services	1.000	106.4	106.8	106.6	106.8	0.2
Accommodation and food services	2.799	134.5	137.1	138.9	140.6	1.2
Public administration and defence	7.388	123.6	124.5	124.3	124.2	-0.1
Special groupings:						
Index of industrial production	29.497	120.4	119.9	118.1	119.0	0.8
Real domestic product less agriculture	96.629	125.1	124.9	124.9	125.4	0.4
Goods-producing industries	40.754	118.7	117.2	116.6	117.0	0.3
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	37.383	120.6	119.1	118.6	119.2	0.5
Service-producing industries	59.246	128.0	128.6	128.8	129.3	0.4
Commercial industries	81.341	125.8	125.4	125.2	125.7	0.4
Commercial industries less agriculture	77.970	127.0	126.6	126.5	127.1	0.5
Non-commercial industries	18.659	117.2	117.9	118.0	118.4	0.3
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	118.8	117.8	118.2	117.4	-0.7
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	122.6	121.8	116.0	119.3	2.8

**Estimates of Values in Current and Constant (1961)
Prices and Implicit Price Indexes for Selected Manufacturing Industries, S.I.C. 5**

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Value in Current Prices						
1 Gross output (\$ millions)	26,467.7	29,111.0	31,462.4	34,882.2	38,551.1	42,691.6
2 Index (1961=100)	100.0	110.0	118.9	131.8	145.7	161.3
3 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions)	17,506.4	19,287.7	20,910.8	23,174.0	25,604.0	28,630.0
4 Index	100.0	110.2	119.4	132.4	146.3	163.5
5 Value added (\$ millions)	8,961.3	9,823.3	10,551.6	11,708.2	12,947.1	14,061.6
6 Index	100.0	109.6	117.7	130.7	144.5	156.9
7 Ratio line 3/line 1	.661	.663	.665	.664	.664	.671
Value in Constant (1961) Prices						
8 Gross output (\$ millions)	26,467.7	28,882.1	30,896.3	33,912.0	37,021.1	40,083.9
9 Index	100.0	109.1	116.7	128.1	139.9	151.4
10 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions)	17,506.4	19,102.3	20,452.6	22,478.8	24,545.3	26,661.6
11 Index	100.0	109.1	116.8	128.4	140.2	152.3
12 Value added (\$ millions)	8,961.3	9,779.8	10,443.7	11,433.2	12,475.8	13,422.3
13 Index	100.0	109.1	116.5	127.6	139.2	149.8
14 Ratio line 10/line 8	.661	.661	.662	.663	.663	.665
Implicit Price Indexes (1961=100)						
15 Gross output	100.0	100.8	101.8	102.9	104.1	106.5
16 Intermediate inputs	100.0	101.0	102.2	103.1	104.3	107.4
17 Value added	100.0	100.4	101.0	102.4	103.8	104.8

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Value in Current Prices					
1 Gross output (\$ millions)	44,898.3	48,560.6	53,343.0	53,933.5	58,651.8
2 Index (1961=100)	169.6	183.5	201.5	203.8	221.6
3 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions)	30,190.3	32,651.2	35,909.4	36,482.3	39,623.2
4 Index	172.5	186.5	205.1	208.4	226.3
5 Value added (\$ millions)	14,708.0	15,909.4	17,433.6	17,451.2	19,028.6
6 Index	164.1	177.5	194.5	194.7	212.3
7 Ratio line 3/line 1	.672	.672	.673	.676	.676
Value in Constant (1961) Prices					
8 Gross output (\$ millions)	41,442.3	44,158.2	47,326.9	46,959.7	50,089.8
9 Index	156.6	166.8	178.8	177.4	189.2
10 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions)	27,626.3	29,496.0	31,562.1	31,404.4	33,632.0
11 Index	157.8	168.5	180.3	179.4	192.1
12 Value added (\$ millions)	13,816.0	14,662.2	15,764.8	15,555.3	16,457.8
13 Index	154.2	163.6	175.9	173.6	183.7
14 Ratio line 10/line 8	.667	.668	.667	.669	.671
Implicit Price Indexes (1961=100)					
15 Gross output	108.3	110.0	112.7	114.9	117.1
16 Intermediate inputs	109.3	110.7	113.8	116.2	117.8
17 Value added	106.5	108.5	110.6	112.2	115.6

**Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 —
Advance Information.**

As part of the forthcoming publication *Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 (1961=100)* (61-516) containing revisions to the RDP measures for the period 1961 to 1971, annual estimates of gross outputs, intermediate inputs and value added in current and constant (1961) prices have been prepared. These data are available for total manufacturing, all major groups and selected manufacturing industries. The accompanying table presents the data for total manufacturing, non-durables and durables.

For additional information with respect to the selected manufacturing data, contact Mrs. M. Galea (613-995-0581), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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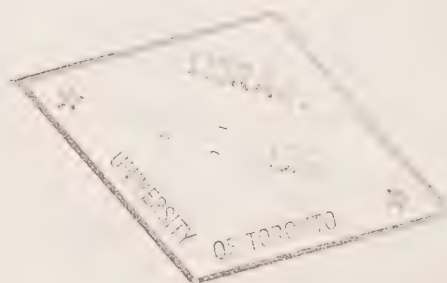
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Cancer Mortality By Site, 1960-1973 (84-534, \$5.25)



Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for the fourth quarter of 1976 show a drop in the average number of vacant jobs from the third quarter. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs decreased from 62,300 to 41,700, a decline of 33%. The number of vacancies was 18% lower than in the fourth quarter of 1975.

The number of vacancies for full-time jobs fell 32% to 37,100 from the previous quarter, and the number of longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) decreased 29% to 14,500.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest quarter, five were vacant, a decrease of two from the third quarter. A year earlier, the comparable rate was six per 1,000.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (13 per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (eight per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate (two per 1,000) occurred in Nova Scotia.

Compared with the previous quarter, the largest vacancy rate decreases were observed in Manitoba, down to four from 10, and Alberta, down to 13 from 17. Compared with the fourth quarter 1975, most of the provinces showed decreases in vacancy rates. The largest decrease was in Saskatchewan, down to eight from 13 per 1,000. The only increase was in Alberta, up to 13 from 12 per 1,000.

Vacancy Rates for Part- and Full-time Jobs Canada, Regions and Provinces

	4th Q. 1976p	3rd Q. 1976	4th Q. 1975
	Rates per thousand existing jobs		
Canada	5	7	6
Atlantic Region	3	5	5
Newfoundland	4	4	4
Nova Scotia	2	5	4
New Brunswick	4	5	7
Quebec Region	4	6	6
Ontario Region	4	6	6
Prairie Region	10	14	11
Manitoba	4	10	7
Saskatchewan	8	11	13
Alberta	13	17	12
Pacific Region	4	5	4

p Preliminary estimates.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Operating Statistics, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Six major railways in Canada reported a combined net operating income of \$25.6 million in November, up from \$9.8 million in November 1975. Total operating revenues increased 15.0% to \$277.2 million while operating expenses were \$251.6 million, an 8.8% increase.

Freight ton-miles aggregated 11,698.2 million in the month, a gain of 2.5% over November 1975. Freight train-miles and freight car-miles, on the other hand,

declined by 0.4% and 1.4% respectively.

Passenger-miles at 117.1 million were 11.3% above the 1975 level with commuter services accounting for a 14.7% increase. Intercity rail passenger-miles were up 11.0% to 106.7 million.

In the January-November 1976 period, railway operating revenues advanced 11.3% from the 1975 figure of \$2,509.5 million. Operating expenses rose 9.6% from \$2,455.8 million and net income from operations was 88.1% higher, up from \$53.7 million. In the 11 months the net operating income of Canadian National was \$15.3 million, up from \$878,699 in 1975. Canadian Pacific reported \$10.4 million as opposed to \$10.0 million a year earlier.

Revenue ton-miles generated in the cumulative period were up 1.2% for all roads, while passenger-miles declined by a similar percentage margin.

For further information, order the November issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned fruits and vegetables for the month of October is now available.

For further information, order the October issue of *Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables* (32-011, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 22, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 22 was 281,103 short tons — 255 012 t (metric tonnes) — a decrease of 0.7% from the preceding week's total of 283,202 short tons — 256 917 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 261,448 tons — 237 182 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons — 166 221 t (metric tonnes) — equalling 100 was 153.4 in the current week, 154.6 a week earlier and 142.7 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Sales Financing, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Sales finance companies purchased \$223.7 millions of retail finance paper in November, an increase of 2.2% compared with the \$219.0 million purchased in November 1975.

Total purchases in the latest month comprised \$55.4 million for passenger cars, \$33.2 million for other consumer goods, \$81.2 million for commercial vehicles and \$54.0 million for other commercial and industrial goods. Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the third quarter amounted to \$1,309.1 million, an decrease of 21.0% over the \$1,656.1 million financed during the third quarter of 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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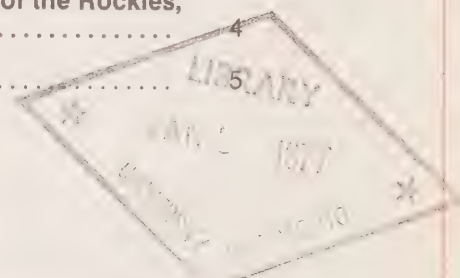
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Fish Freezings and Stocks, October 1976 (24-001, 40¢/\$4)

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Breweries, November 1976 (32-019, 15¢/\$1.50)

Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, November 1976 (33-003, 30¢/\$3)

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Nov. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1975	To Date		% Change From		
				1976	1975	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1975	11 Months 1976/75
Benefit Payments								
Gross amount (\$000)	261,116	207,056	209,853	3,089,387	2,877,447	26	24	7
Net amount(1) (\$000)	259,450	205,288	209,183	3,071,399	2,863,631 ^r	26	24	7
Weeks of benefit (000)	2,735	2,190	2,384	33,403	34,160	25	15	-2
Average weekly benefit (\$)	95.47	94.56	88.01	92.49	84.23	1	8	10
Claims received (000)	292	226	259	2,374	2,522	29	13	-6
Beneficiaries (000)	602 ^p	555 ^p	639	683(3) ^p	..	8	-6	..
Claimants (2) at month end (000)	956	875	925	1,000(3)	1,047(3)	9	3	-4

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.

(2) These figures are overstated in terms of active files. If claimants do not report that they became re-employed, a period of 5 weeks is allowed to elapse before their claims are transferred to the inactive file.

(3) Monthly average.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised

— Amount too small to be expressed

.. Figures not available

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

For further information, order the November issue of *Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-p) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, November 1976 — Advance Information.

The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit in November rose to 602,000, up 8% from the previous month but 6% fewer than in November 1975.

The net amount of unemployment insurance benefit paid to claimants in November totalled \$259 million, up 26% from the previous month and 24% from November 1975. The average weekly benefit reached \$95.47 in November, 8% more than a year earlier. Net payments in the first 11 months of 1976 were \$3,071 million compared with \$2,864 million in the same period of 1975, an increase of 7%.

Claims filed by persons seeking benefit numbered 292,000, 29% more than in October and 13% greater than in November 1975. Claims received for the first 11 months were 2,374,000, down 6% from a year earlier.

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned fruits and vegetables for November is now available.

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Weekly Security Price Indexes

January 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Jan. 21/77 This week	Jan. 14/77 Week ago	Dec. 23/76 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	99.6	100.2	98.2
Industrials	85	99.0	99.9	97.6
Foods	9	84.2	83.8	81.5
Alcoholic beverages	5	77.7	78.6	76.2
Textiles and clothing	3	113.0	110.6	113.1
Pulp and paper	7	131.7	132.1	131.1
Printing and publishing	5	103.2	106.2	104.9
Primary metals	4	104.4	105.2	102.8
Industrial mines	6	90.7	90.8	87.2
Metal fabricating	9	178.1	181.7	185.8
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.2	84.9	83.8
Petroleum	8	92.5	93.8	92.0
Chemicals	5	108.1	111.6	103.2
Construction	5	212.5	214.2	207.9
Trade	15	80.8	81.8	80.0
Utilities and services	28	92.4	92.8	91.2
Transportation	6	119.1	121.1	118.9
Pipelines	5	80.8	80.9	80.2
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	101.1	99.4	96.6
Telephone	4	95.8	95.8	93.8
Electric power	3	119.4	120.6	121.1
Gas distribution	5	71.5	71.6	69.8
Finances	21	113.6	112.9	111.7
Banks	8	117.7	117.0	116.7
Investment and loan	9	104.9	104.5	100.9
Insurance	4	97.8	96.9	94.4
Mining Index	17	99.9	99.8	98.3
Gold	9	176.4	175.9	177.3
Base metals	8	63.2	63.3	60.4
Uraniums	2	189.8	193.3	192.2
Primary oils and gas index	5	106.6	104.2	102.5

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

New Housing Price IndexesOctober 1976 — December 1976 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	December 1976	November 1976	October 1976	September 1976	% Change December/76 December/75
Montreal	206.1	206.1	204.7	204.7	6.5
Winnipeg	208.3	207.2	205.3	202.1	10.6
Calgary	253.4	253.4	253.9	254.8	15.8
(Jan. 1975=100)					
Kitchener	105.3	105.3	105.3	105.3	1.5
London	111.1	111.1	111.1	111.1	5.5
Saskatoon	139.1	137.5	137.4	137.3	16.3

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 a year) or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending January 14

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	1,993,899	1,894,855	3,888,754
Short tons, 1976r	1,892,208	1,779,068	3,671,276
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 808 835	1 718 984	3 527 819
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 716 582	1 613 943	3 330 525
% change	5.4	6.5	5.9
Cars, 1977	32,239	29,493	61,732
Cars, 1976r	32,475	28,945	61,420
% change	-0.7	1.9	0.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	119,356	52,850	172,206
Short tons, 1976r	124,944	50,128	175,072
Metric tonnes, 1977	108 278	47 945	156 223
Metric tonnes, 1976	113 347	45 475	158 822
% change	-4.5	5.4	-1.6
Cars, 1977	3,577	2,292	5,869
Cars, 1976r	4,019	2,084	6,103
% change	-11.0	10.0	-3.8
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	3,914,764	3,239,702	7,154,466
Short tons, 1976r	3,515,911	3,066,806	6,582,717
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 551 414	2 939 008	6 490 422
Metric tonnes, 1976	3 189 581	2 782 160	5 971 741
% change	11.3	5.6	8.7
Cars, 1977	62,168	50,141	112,309
Cars, 1976r	57,689	49,372	107,061
% change	7.8	1.6	4.9
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	229,706	87,566	317,272
Short tons, 1976r	205,427	85,700	291,127
Metric tonnes, 1977	208 386	79 439	287 825
Metric tonnes, 1976	186 360	77 746	264 106
% change	11.8	2.2	9.0
Cars, 1977	6,901	3,836	10,737
Cars, 1976r	6,601	3,587	10,188
% change	4.5	6.9	5.4

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

rRevised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended January 14, 1977
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Railways in Canada reported loadings of 3.9 million short tons (3.5 million metric tonnes) in the period, an increase of 5.9% over the second week of 1976. The volume of goods originated east and west of the Lakehead rose 5.4% and 6.5%, respectively. The number of cars required to haul this freight totalled 61,732, a gain of 0.5% over the previous year.

Trailer-container movements in the current seven days, while registering a 5.4% increase in the West, declined 4.5% in the East and showed a net decrease of 1.6% for Canada as a whole.

In the first two weeks of January the volume of rail carload traffic loaded was 8.7% above the 1976 level and piggyback shipments were up 9.0%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs.) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0T6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, October 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in October to 428,762,000 feet board measure from 348,939,000 feet board measure in October 1975.

Stocks on hand at the end of October totalled 896,638,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order the October issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 15¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price IndexesDecember 1976 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	% Change	
				Dec./76 Nov./76	Dec./76 Dec./75
Canada, Total	166.6	165.7	152.3	0.5	9.4
Materials	156.8	156.2	146.4	0.3	7.1
Labour	184.1	182.7	162.9	0.8	13.0
Atlantic Provinces, Total	177.1	176.0	159.9	0.6	10.8
Materials	159.8	159.3	148.3	0.3	7.8
Labour	207.0	205.1	180.1	0.9	14.9
Quebec, Total	167.3	165.9	155.1	0.9	7.9
Materials	161.4	161.3	151.2	0.1	6.7
Labour	178.5	174.4	162.6	2.3	9.8
Ontario, Total	162.5	162.2	149.4	0.2	8.8
Materials	153.5	153.2	145.5	0.2	5.5
Labour	177.8	177.5	155.9	0.2	14.0
Prairie Provinces, Total	174.5	173.8	156.4	0.4	11.6
Materials	158.3	157.4	144.1	0.6	9.9
Labour	205.9	205.7	180.2	0.1	14.3
British Columbia, Total	164.9	162.8	149.2	1.3	10.5
Materials	157.1	155.2	143.1	1.2	9.8
Labour	178.8	176.2	160.1	1.4	11.7

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,291 short tons — 3 066 t (metric tonnes) — or 6,725,800 square feet — 624 847 m² (square metres) — of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in December compared to 4,642 short tons — 4 211 t (metric tonnes) — or 9,605,157 square feet — 892 348 m² (square metres) — in December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin* (47-001, \$1.40 a year) or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Precast Concrete Price Indexes, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Price indexes for architectural and structural precast concrete in place are now available for the first time. The figures show a decrease of 0.1% at the Canada level from the second half of 1975 to the first half of 1976. This compares with an increase of 8.2% in the same period a year earlier.

For further information, order the January issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$4 a year), or contact Mr. D.S. Seymour (613-994-5833), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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Psychiatric Inpatient Movement, by Province and Sex, 1976

Province	Number of reporting institutions	On books January 1st		Admissions		Separations		On books December 31	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Newfoundland	8	300	174	1,395	1,364	1,542	1,438	153	100
Prince Edward Island	3	87	39	1,501	376	1,511	377	77	38
Nova Scotia	17	989	712	2,646	2,164	2,725	2,263	910	613
New Brunswick	6	691	477	1,388	1,286	1,399	1,294	680	469
Quebec	83	10,130	7,805	14,800	12,489	15,285	13,103	9,645	7,191
Ontario	143	10,057	7,029	27,005	28,302	27,371	28,540	9,691	6,791
Manitoba	29	1,540	1,243	3,148	2,707	3,112	2,685	1,576	1,265
Saskatchewan	12	917	768	1,941	1,869	1,979	1,932	879	705
Alberta	30	2,622	2,062	5,023	4,651	5,144	4,725	2,501	1,988
British Columbia	46	3,043	2,571	5,458	7,016	5,623	7,178	2,878	2,409
Canada	377	30,376	22,880	64,305	62,224	65,691	63,535	28,990	21,569

Psychiatric Inpatient Movement, by Type of Institution and Sex, 1976

Province	Number of reporting institutions	On books January 1st		Admissions		Separations		On books December 31	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Public mental hospital	43	13,479	10,024	19,633	13,002	20,624	13,675	12,488	9,351
Institution for the mentally retarded	91	11,373	8,559	2,435	1,597	2,880	2,134	10,928	8,022
Public psychiatric unit	137	1,603	2,250	25,799	38,596	25,679	38,617	1,723	2,229
Federal psychiatric unit	7	786	15	898	70	915	73	769	12
Psychiatric hospital	13	794	758	6,605	6,534	6,631	6,574	768	718
Aged and senile home	5	520	480	134	89	140	80	514	489
Hospital for addicts	19	376	59	7,114	1,330	7,185	1,330	305	59
Treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children	60	1,314	673	1,558	904	1,518	949	1,354	628
Epilepsy hospital	2	131	62	129	102	119	103	141	61
All institutions	377	30,376	22,880	64,305	62,224	65,691	63,535	28,990	21,569

For further information, contact the Mental Health Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6

Mental Health Statistics, Patient Movement, 1976 — Advance Information.

Psychiatric inpatient facilities reported 126,529 admissions in 1976, a 4% decrease from 1975. Separations decreased by 4% to 129,226.

The year-end census of patients on books stood at 50,559, a decrease of 5% from the previous year. Males accounted for 51% of admissions and 57% of patients on books.

For further information, contact the Mental Health Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Freight loaded on lines in Canada totalled 17.9 million tons in December, an increase of 5.0% over the same 1975 month. Traffic received from United States connections was 1.1% higher at 1.8 million tons.

On a commodity basis, December loadings of pulpwood, pulpwood chips, newsprint and lumber were significantly above 1975 levels. This was primarily due to reduced shipments of these commodities in December 1975 resulting from labour problems in the forest products industry. Trailer-on-flat-car movements in the current period rose 87.1%, gypsum was up 31.3%, coal increased 14.9%, and iron ore showed a gain of 7.0%. Shipments of wheat declined 21.2% and other grains dropped 40.6%.

During 1976 all rail traffic carried, including domestic loadings and receipts from U.S. connections, was up 5.2% over 1975 to 264.7 million tons. Notably higher in the cumulative period were carryings of forest products, container freight, iron ore and alumina.

For further information, order the December issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Electric Power Statistics, November 1976 — Advance Information.

In November net generation increased to 26.1 TW.h from 22.9 TW.h in November 1975. Hydro generation increased 4.7% while thermal production increased 40.1%.

For further information, order the November issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas, September 1976 — Advance Information.

General government employees of the federal government numbered 265,023 in Canadian metropolitan areas in September with a regular monthly payroll of \$297,939,000. The data include, for the first time, members of the Canadian Armed Forces totalling 34,952 with salaries of \$45,885,000.

Details of this employment by sex, occupational category and department are available. Direct information requests to Federal Government Section (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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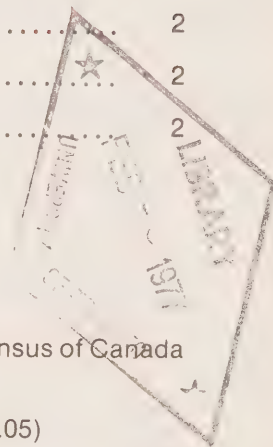
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Water Transport (54-003, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 1, Commodity Movement Statistics, Preliminary, Third Quarter of 1976



Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities
Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1976		
September	154.2	174.7
October	156.0	179.1
November	157.2	176.1
Change from same period 12 months earlier(1)	%	%
1976		
June	0.4	2.8
July	-0.1	2.9
August	0.2	2.8
September	-0.7	2.1
October	-1.0	1.5
November	0.6	0.8

Volume Indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices
Seasonally Adjusted
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1976		
September	155.7	132.0
October	140.2	112.5
November	153.4	114.5
Change from same period 12 months earlier(1)	%	%
1976		
June	7.4	12.2
July	8.3	12.8
August	7.8	17.5
September	9.1	18.9
October	5.4	17.6
November	4.8	12.5

(1) Three-month moving average ending in month indicated.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Both export and import price levels were unchanged in November compared with earlier months of 1976, and both were just under 1% higher than the 1975 period.

Export volume at 114.5 was about the same as October, though the latest two months were below the

third-quarter index level of 126.1. Import volume recovered in November following a decline in October.

For further information, order the December issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Motor Vehicle Production, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of passenger cars totalled 89,588 units in December compared to 82,042 units in December 1975. Total 1976 production was 1,137,313 units compared to 1,044,822 units in 1975.

All commercial vehicles totalled 41,522 units compared to 32,505. Total 1976 production was 502,799 units compared to 379,184.

For further information, order the December issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

The Dairy Review, December 1976 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,095,016,000 pounds of milk was produced for all purposes in November, 11.2% less than November 1975. This brought the total estimate of production during the first 11 months of the year to 15,812,287,000 pounds, up 0.1% from the January-November period a year earlier.

For further information, order the December issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Papermakers and Other Felts, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

For 1976, the data on papermakers wet felts was suppressed due to confidentiality.

Details on dryer felts and fabrics and forming fabrics are available by ordering *Miscellaneous Industries Service Bulletin* (47-003, \$1.40 a year), or contacting Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 12, 1976 Pack of Frozen Fruits and Vegetables as Reported up to the End of October 1976

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 15, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, December 1976

Retail Chain Stores, 1975 — Advance Information.

Annual sales by chain organizations in Canada, unadjusted for price changes, reached \$15,867 million in 1975, an increase of 16.1% over the 1974 figure of \$13,672 million. Results of the annual survey of chain organizations indicate that the number of such organizations in Canada decreased from 874 in 1974 to 853 in 1975 while the maximum number of chain outlets in operation increased by 1,120 to a total of 20,815.

The report *Retail Chain Stores, 1975* (63-210, \$1.05), will be published later this year. However, detailed information on sales by chain organizations, including data by various kinds of business for the provinces and selected cities, are now available and may be obtained by contacting the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,166,933,000 square feet of corrugated boxes and wrappers in December, a decrease of 5.5% from 1,235,349,000 square feet in December 1975.

Shipments for all 1976 totalled 17,026,723,000 square feet compared to 15,475,845,000 square feet in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data

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Industry Division and Area	Employment Index Number									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Nov. 1976f	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976r	Nov. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1976f	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976r
	1961=100									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	82.1	87.6	95.8	98.6	66.6	79.5	77.4	76.7	83.4	83.0
Mining	119.4	120.1	120.1	123.1	116.3	113.3	119.2	120.6	120.7	120.8
Manufacturing	127.5	128.4	129.1	131.1	125.8	127.0	127.1	126.5	127.1	128.7
Durables	140.9	140.3	138.9	141.3	141.1	141.2	139.6	138.0	137.4	140.5
Non-durables	116.7	118.9	121.3	122.8	113.5	115.5	116.8	117.5	118.5	119.4
Construction	116.3	121.1	115.2	123.3	122.9	130.7	111.6	108.9	101.9	108.8
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	130.4	130.9	131.9	132.8	116.3	118.2	130.1	129.6	130.1	131.0
Trade	178.6	175.8	171.2	168.1	175.4	173.3	171.9	172.1	171.1	172.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	187.9	187.4	186.8	185.5	177.5	177.1	188.0	187.5	187.2	184.7
Service	241.7	245.2	247.6	251.1	233.3	236.8	244.7	244.3	243.9	240.2
Industrial Composite	145.7	146.4	146.0	147.3	140.9	142.2	144.2	143.8	143.2	144.2
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	133.8	136.1	139.2	141.5	132.4	138.1	131.8	131.7	132.7	133.4
Newfoundland	138.3	141.1	146.3	147.5	135.0	147.4	134.9	133.6	135.4	138.8
Prince Edward Island	154.6	159.2	163.2	169.6	143.9	156.9	152.8	150.7	149.7	149.3
Nova Scotia	129.0	129.8	130.4	132.0	129.1	131.5	127.8	127.3	126.6	127.5
New Brunswick	134.7	138.3	142.9	146.5	133.7	138.1	132.4	134.7	135.9	135.9
Quebec	130.3	130.4	129.2	131.9	128.4	130.4	128.5	127.4	126.2	129.1
Ontario	148.9	149.4	149.0	149.7	143.3	143.7	147.4	146.8	147.0	148.6
Prairie Region	159.6	160.2	160.2	160.8	150.8	151.6	158.9	158.3	157.0	156.1
Manitoba	129.2	129.9	130.5	130.9	129.3	131.1	128.3	128.7	127.6	128.6
Saskatchewan	145.2	146.3	145.2	145.7	139.3	138.0	143.9	143.9	141.7	140.4
Alberta	191.0	191.4	191.4	192.2	173.4	174.5	190.7	189.3	188.1	186.4
British Columbia	169.3	171.9	170.5	170.2	161.4	161.9	168.6	169.6	167.7	167.0
Yukon	162.6	167.2	166.9	170.0	182.4	190.7	164.4	164.7	160.4	157.7
Northwest Territories	150.9	152.4	162.5	171.4	147.1	152.8	160.3	156.3	148.5	153.3
Canada	145.7	146.4	146.0	147.3	140.9	142.2	144.2	143.8	143.2	144.2

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Seasonally Adjusted, November 1976 — Advance Information.

The first estimate of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for November was 0.3% above the October figure. Increases were reported in all industry divisions except for mining and trade which registered decreases. Excluding British Columbia, employment advanced in all regions.

Average weekly earnings rose 1.6% at the national industrial level in November. Gains were recorded in all industry divisions and in all regions.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in mining, manufacturing and construction. The average hourly earnings for these three industry divisions increased in November.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having

20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours*.

Detailed information for October and November will be published in the December issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7) and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

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Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued)

Industry Division and Area	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.
	1976f	1976p	1976p	1976r	1975	1975	1976f	1976p	1976p	1976r
	dollars									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	311.98	300.33	297.14	285.64	265.77	263.05	302.69	288.36	298.36	291.98
Mining	332.56	326.02	320.53	310.86	299.15	296.32	328.36	323.72	322.30	315.75
Manufacturing	251.26	247.97	246.21	241.87	224.48	222.80	249.46	244.74	244.67	244.39
Durables	268.23	264.16	263.14	258.44	240.76	239.48	265.60	258.68	258.77	260.26
Non-durables	234.74	232.57	230.57	226.50	208.06	206.27	234.13	232.10	232.24	228.67
Construction	349.26	343.96	337.32	332.78	318.51	321.57	344.27	330.57	324.60	327.41
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	272.01	270.01	268.16	266.55	249.75	248.02	273.27	270.82	269.40	267.35
Trade	179.29	180.90	178.34	178.98	162.90	163.37	182.46	182.07	179.09	177.00
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	218.56	217.24	215.47	214.12	198.56	197.80	221.10	219.50	218.55	217.12
Service	165.12	164.15	160.58	161.83	149.79	148.08	165.55	164.38	162.25	161.23
Industrial Composite	236.29	234.60	232.22	230.49	213.37	212.90	236.05	232.30	230.93	230.31
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	209.41	207.28	205.53	203.98	187.57	187.70	210.10	206.21	205.94	204.31
Newfoundland	230.34	227.44	226.25	223.53	204.71	206.88	231.52	224.01	225.82	224.04
Prince Edward Island	178.61	173.70	175.40	173.24	158.06	155.76
Nova Scotia	198.80	197.13	196.89	196.59	177.79	176.82	199.96	197.58	195.70	196.18
New Brunswick	210.94	208.94	204.41	202.49	190.58	190.37	211.15	208.48	208.18	204.54
Quebec	230.25	227.82	223.68	223.31	209.23	209.12	229.70	225.41	222.70	224.00
Ontario	236.12	235.33	233.15	231.35	214.89	214.31	235.84	232.77	231.74	231.56
Prairie Region	233.79	232.25	231.50	228.62	207.81	207.31	234.16	231.19	231.48	227.62
Manitoba	215.73	215.82	215.10	214.52	194.06	194.74	216.77	215.24	214.95	212.65
Saskatchewan	222.47	222.44	221.72	220.30	199.25	198.94	222.47	221.07	222.41	219.51
Alberta	247.56	244.69	243.92	239.27	219.21	217.94	247.66	243.69	243.65	238.36
British Columbia	271.17	267.42	266.41	263.88	240.84	236.32	265.20	261.05	261.73	260.49
Yukon	328.38	318.69	314.03	295.50	293.02	292.85
Northwest Territories	311.63	309.65	310.98	300.39	282.56	286.88
Canada	236.29	234.60	232.22	230.49	213.37	212.90	236.05	232.30	230.93	230.31

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

November 1976 — Advance Information.

	Domestic		Export		Total	
	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Ingots and semi-finished shapes	23,914	21 697	358	325	24,272	22 022
Rails	26,621	24 151	6,757	6 130	33,378	30 281
Wire rods	64,425	58 372	17,667	16 027	82,092	74 399
Structural shapes:						
Heavy	33,817	30 597	8,084	7 333	41,901	37 930
Bar-sized shapes	8,375	7 598	1,165	1 056	9,540	8 654
Concrete reinforcing bars	46,318	42 020	—	—	46,318	42 020
Other hot rolled bars	93,624	84 935	5,867	5 322	99,491	90 257
Tire plates and track material	4,894	4 441	968	878	5,862	5 319
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	103,118	93 545	9,021	8 184	112,139	101 729
Hot rolled sheets and strip	225,703	204 754	20,643	18 727	246,346	223 481
Cold finished bars	8,590	7 790	263	238	8,853	8 028
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled						
other, coated	167,128	151 615	13,324	12 087	180,452	163 702
Galvanized sheets	71,200	64 589	9,994	9 067	81,194	73 656
Total	877,727	796 104	94,111	85 374	971,838	881 478

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the November issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued)

Industry Division and Area	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Nov. 1976f	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976	Nov. 1975 number	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1976f	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976p	Aug. 1976r
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining	40.9	40.5	40.2	39.4	40.6	40.5	40.2	40.1	40.4	39.9
Manufacturing	39.0	38.8	39.0	38.5	39.0	39.1	38.6	38.3	38.5	38.7
Durables	39.9	39.5	39.7	39.3	39.7	39.8	39.4	38.8	39.1	39.6
Non-durables	38.1	38.0	38.3	37.8	38.2	38.4	37.7	37.7	38.0	37.8
Construction	39.1	39.4	39.2	39.6	39.8	40.9	38.9	38.0	37.3	38.2
Building	37.6	37.7	37.1	37.3	38.5	39.0	37.1	36.5	35.8	36.5
Engineering	41.9	42.3	42.4	43.1	42.3	44.4	41.9	40.1	39.7	40.6
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	37.7	37.2	37.8	37.8	38.0	37.9	37.9	37.3	37.6	37.9
Quebec	39.3	39.1	39.1	38.8	39.4	39.8	38.8	38.4	38.5	38.8
Ontario	39.7	39.5	39.7	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.3	38.8	39.1	39.4
Prairie Region	37.3	37.3	37.6	36.9	37.6	37.6	36.9	36.9	37.5	37.1
British Columbia	36.6	35.9	36.4	35.8	36.6	36.3	36.3	35.8	36.5	36.4
dollars										
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining	7.72	7.62	7.51	7.37	6.95	6.88	7.69	7.61	7.53	7.42
Manufacturing	5.99	5.93	5.87	5.80	5.28	5.24	6.00	5.90	5.88	5.84
Durables	6.37	6.30	6.25	6.18	5.68	5.64	6.36	6.24	6.21	6.19
Non durables	5.57	5.54	5.48	5.40	4.83	4.78	5.59	5.56	5.54	5.45
Construction	9.17	8.93	8.79	8.57	8.19	8.04	9.01	8.86	8.78	8.69
Building	9.16	9.06	8.89	8.67	8.31	8.20	9.03	8.99	8.85	8.72
Engineering	9.17	8.72	8.65	8.42	7.98	7.78	9.06	8.64	8.63	8.58
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.54	5.47	5.27	5.19	4.70	4.73	5.52	5.46	5.39	5.37
Quebec	5.39	5.31	5.27	5.20	4.74	4.70	5.39	5.32	5.28	5.26
Ontario	6.07	6.02	5.95	5.89	5.42	5.38	6.07	6.00	5.94	5.93
Prairie Region	6.09	6.02	5.98	5.90	5.41	5.35	6.09	5.97	5.94	5.88
British Columbia	7.91	7.83	7.85	7.73	6.84	6.73	7.88	7.77	7.82	7.76

.. figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production decreased 1.1% to 36.9 million dozen in December from 37.3 million in December 1975. The average number of layers was down 1.9% to 23.4 million from 23.7 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased .1% to 1,892 from 1,890. Farm price of eggs sold for market was up 4.1% to 65.7¢ a dozen compared with 63.1¢.

For further information, order the December issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, September 1976 — Advance Information.

Crude petroleum production for September amounted to 1,360,000 B/D, down 20.0% from 1,699,000 B/D in September 1975. Natural gas production for the same period averaged 8,312,000 Mcf./D., a decrease of 4.1% from 8,669,000 Mcf./D. in the previous year.

For further information, order the September issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021),

Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 29, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 29 was 282,292 short tons — 256 091 t (metric tonnes) — an increase of 0.4% from the preceding week's total of 281,103 short tons — 255 012 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 258,988 tons — 234 950 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons — 166 221 t (metric tonnes) — equalling 100 was 154.1 in the current week, 153.4 a week earlier and 141.3 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Building Permits

November 1976 — Advance Information

	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial (\$000)	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
Newfoundland	59	138	197	5,972	63	2,484	368	8,887
Prince Edward Island	61	—	61	1,586	1,731	681	4,214	8,212
Nova Scotia	286	149	435	10,376	341	3,216	14,233	28,166
New Brunswick	79	7	86	3,030	210	8,193	4,669	16,102
Quebec	2,568	3,289	5,857	147,362	21,539	50,300	28,178	247,379
Ontario	2,367	5,639	8,006	223,088	29,431	62,525	39,801	354,845
Manitoba	257	430	687	18,854	2,087	2,885	4,222	28,048
Saskatchewan	415	359	774	22,167	2,228	13,599	9,891	47,885
Alberta	1,133	868	2,001	63,283	5,980	37,379	9,879	116,521
British Columbia	583	784	1,367	37,750	8,221	27,404	5,333	75,708
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	17	—	17	889	87	337	20	1,333
Canada — Unadjusted	7,825	11,663	19,488	534,357	68,918	209,003	120,808	933,086
Canada — Adjusted	8,514	11,504	20,018	589,335	78,032	214,055	116,162	997,584
Metropolitan Areas	4,594	9,440	14,034	380,491	40,778	148,637	92,654	662,560
Calgary	289	130	419	12,059	791	11,088	3,743	27,681
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	55	40	95	2,813	107	317	—	3,237
Edmonton	358	479	837	26,884	3,151	13,132	5,520	48,687
Halifax	93	44	137	4,329	9	1,703	10,209	16,250
Hamilton	363	348	711	17,003	1,819	2,352	1,133	22,307
Hull	41	2	43	1,765	688	343	8,644	11,440
Kitchener	201	446	647	16,440	2,359	4,068	215	23,082
London	98	459	557	10,328	950	1,527	118	12,923
Montréal	1,337	2,697	4,034	96,650	10,348	23,161	10,196	140,355
Ottawa	161	530	691	23,011	405	6,088	2,276	31,780
Québec	240	180	420	12,923	130	18,546	6,603	38,202
Regina	123	106	229	7,370	479	7,493	1,554	16,896
St. Catharines-Niagara	71	337	408	7,666	816	943	13	9,438
Saint-John	9	2	11	697	56	6,151	222	7,126
St. John's	16	132	148	4,632	—	1,976	252	6,860
Saskatoon	146	137	283	6,987	798	2,987	2,446	13,218
Sudbury	21	—	21	912	155	49	164	1,280
Thunder Bay	24	18	42	1,439	88	352	2	1,881
Toronto	450	2,316	2,766	85,027	11,103	21,057	32,851	150,038
Vancouver	204	310	514	12,913	4,193	19,941	3,456	40,503
Victoria	47	300	347	8,959	462	1,186	256	10,863
Windsor	71	9	80	3,441	276	1,944	129	5,790
Winnipeg	176	418	594	16,243	1,595	2,233	2,652	22,723

*Preliminary figures.*For further information order *Building Permits*, November 1976 (64-001, 70¢/\$7).**Building Permits, November 1976 — Advance Information.**

The seasonally-adjusted value of building permits issue in November remained practically unchanged at \$1 billion compared to the revised October total. In November 1975 the total was \$1,014 million.

Although the value of residential permits decreased only fractionally in November, the number of new dwellings authorized by municipalities dropped 11%, mainly in the apartment category.

Non-residential permits showed a small increase compared to October, owing mainly to increased activity in the public sector which more than compen-

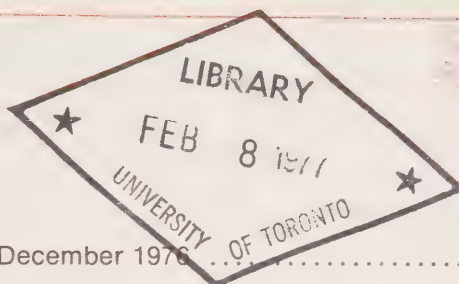
sated for a decrease in commercial construction.

Preliminary reports for December reflected a decrease of approximately 7% resulting from a slowdown of construction activity in all provinces except Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia. The total value of permits issued during 1976 is now expected to reach \$12.2 billion compared to \$10.3 billion in 1975.

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Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Index			Percentage Change	
		Dec.* 1976	Nov.* 1976	Dec.* 1975	Dec./76 Nov./76	Dec./76 Dec./75
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	164.9	163.7	157.6	0.7	4.6
SIC Major Groups:						
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	174.8	173.4	173.9	0.8	0.5
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	143.9	143.0	137.5	0.6	4.7
4. Leather Industries	0.9	162.9	163.3	151.8	-0.2	7.3
5. Textile Industries	3.5	145.2	144.7	137.4	0.3	5.7
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	127.3	127.2	121.2	0.1	5.0
8. Wood Industries	4.7	174.9	170.2	158.1	2.8	10.6
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	166.8	166.7	158.2	0.1	5.4
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	188.1	183.5	178.9	2.5	5.1
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	174.7	174.2	164.3	0.3	6.3
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	164.3	164.2	158.6	0.1	3.6
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	154.5	153.8	147.0	0.5	5.1
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	140.9	140.6	138.0	0.2	2.1
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	165.6	165.1	151.2	0.3	9.5
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	225.8	225.4	201.0	0.2	12.3
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	170.4	170.0	163.1	0.2	4.5
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	140.4	139.6	134.1	0.6	4.7

* These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index, December 1976 — Advance Information.

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 164.9 in December 1976, up 0.7% from the revised November level of 163.7 and 4.6% higher than the December 1975 index of 157.6.

Increases in the indexes for food and beverage industries, wood industries and paper and allied industries were largely responsible for the December rise. Food and beverages rose 0.8% as miscellaneous food processors increased 2.8% and feeds rose 3.3%. Wood industries were up 2.8% due mainly to increases of 3.6% in sawmills and planing mills and 3.2% in veneer and plywood mills. There was an increase of 2.5% in paper and allied industries, largely due to a 3.4% rise in the index for pulp and paper mills.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

January 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Jan. 28/77 This week	Jan. 21/77 Week ago	Dec. 31/76 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	100.4	99.6	101.9
Industrials	85	100.3	99.0	101.5
Foods	9	84.5	84.2	84.5
Alcoholic beverages	5	75.5	77.7	79.2
Textiles and clothing	3	115.2	113.0	115.6
Pulp and paper	7	129.9	131.7	135.1
Printing and publishing	5	99.8	103.2	107.1
Primary metals	4	103.9	104.4	108.2
Industrial mines	6	94.2	90.7	90.7
Metal fabricating	9	183.5	178.1	186.6
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.5	84.2	87.6
Petroleum	8	95.1	92.5	97.1
Chemicals	5	106.6	108.1	109.4
Construction	5	212.9	212.5	213.8
Trade	15	80.3	80.8	83.2
Utilities and services	28	92.3	92.4	94.3
Transportation	6	120.8	119.1	124.4
Pipelines	5	80.2	80.8	82.6
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	101.5	101.1	98.9
Telephone	4	94.3	95.8	96.7
Electric power	3	119.5	119.4	123.2
Gas distribution	5	72.4	71.5	72.2
Finances	21	112.8	113.6	115.7
Banks	8	117.0	117.7	121.1
Investment and loan	9	104.1	104.9	104.3
Insurance	4	98.3	97.8	96.6
Mining Index	17	102.7	99.9	101.6
Golds	9	177.1	176.4	181.8
Base metals	8	67.1	63.2	63.2
Uraniums	2	185.8	189.8	198.2
Primary oils and gas index	5	108.0	106.6	105.8

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Cement, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for December totalled 496,444 short tons — 450 366 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 104,824 tons — 95 095 t (metric tonnes) — and in Ontario 168,214 tons — 152 601 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact Gordon McWade (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Employment Indexes, Selected Industries, Canada

(1971=100)

(Seasonally-Adjusted)

Industry (1960 S.I.C.)	1971 percentage weights	Aug. 1976r	Sept. 1976p	Oct. 1976p	Nov. 1976f
Industrial Composite	100.00	112.7	111.9	112.3	112.7
Forestry	1.21	104.4	104.9	96.6	97.3
Mining, including milling	3.16	105.0	105.1	104.9	103.8
Manufacturing	39.54	105.2	104.1	103.5	104.0
Durable Goods	19.14	103.3	101.1	101.6	102.7
Non-Durable Goods	20.39	104.9	104.1	103.1	102.5
Construction	5.85	94.9	89.2	95.2	97.6
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	16.01	114.3	113.5	113.1	113.6
Transportation	9.53	106.3	106.8	104.8	..
Storage	0.38	101.1	100.7	100.0	..
Communication	3.96	131.7	130.6	131.6	..
Electric Power, Gas and Water	2.15	116.9	118.5	118.7	..
Trade	17.58	122.2	121.3	122.1	121.8
Wholesale Trade	5.84	119.0	118.0	118.3	117.4
Retail Trade	11.73	123.8	123.0	124.1	123.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6.65	127.0	128.6	128.9	129.2
Service	10.01	129.7	131.9	132.1	132.3
Recreational Services	1.04	126.2	131.2	132.2	..
Business Services	2.31	141.0	141.8	141.1	..
Personal Services	4.68	124.4	125.2	125.5	..

. figures not available.

f figures estimated based on limited number of returns.

p preliminary figures.

r revised figures.

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes**(1971=100)**, November 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table presents seasonally-adjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961-based data contained in *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

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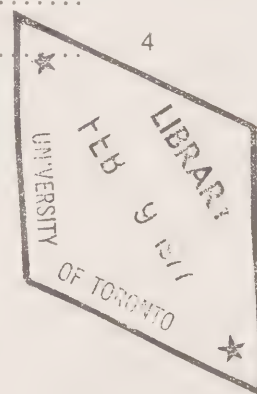
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Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

December 1976

	Year-to-date 1975	Year-to-date 1976	October	November	December
Carriers Reporting* **	18	18	18	18	18
Revenue Earned:					
Intercity & Rural Services*	112,622,176	122,906,692	9,269,570	8,420,257	10,911,475
Urban-Suburban Services	331,703	278,696	23,467	22,171	23,495
Other Services (e.g. charter)	14,678,453	16,840,598	1,608,733	885,475	645,426
Fare Passengers Carried:					
Intercity & Rural Services*	33,242,010	32,354,550	2,303,982	2,282,479	2,637,500
Urban-Suburban Services	926,085	687,275	58,688	56,851	58,887
Other Services (e.g. charter)	2,575,209	1,963,451	232,347	174,418	153,353
Vehicle Miles:					
Intercity & Rural Services*	116,367,810	120,028,667	9,206,193	8,632,517	11,691,961
Urban-Suburban Services	498,677	393,436	32,950	33,234	33,457
Other Services (e.g. charter)	12,610,584	13,241,260	1,352,349	705,700	593,161
Fuel Consumed:					
Diesel Oil (gals.)	18,440,877	19,191,755	1,500,063	1,376,369	1,723,842
Gasoline (gals.)	20,256	15,874	1,491	1,165	1,501

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.

** One carrier on strike.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), December 1976 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available.

The following observations apply to the data:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Revenue vehicle miles run in a revenue service includes miles run empty which were necessary to provide the revenue service.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit, December 1976 — Advance Information.

In December 1976, 37 urban transit systems collected 102,870,362 initial passenger fares. Their vehicles travelled 30,251,148 vehicle miles and their operating revenues amounted to \$34,688,911.

For further information, order the December issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Freight Traffic, Third Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Rail freight carried in the July-September period totalled 70.3 million tons; an increase of 13.1% over the 62.2 million tons hauled in the third quarter of 1975. Traffic received from United States connections, included above, was up 4.5% to 5.2 million tons.

Of the seven major commodity groups reported, increases were recorded in four during the quarter. Food, feed, beverages and tobacco showed only a slight gain of 1.5% while crude materials rose 14.9%. The latter category showed substantially heavier loadings of iron ore and pulpwood chips, both of which were carried at below-normal levels in 1975 due to industrial labour problems. Fabricated materials were up 15.0% and forest products were notable among the increases. Special types of traffic (piggyback, freight forwarder and mixed carload) rose 43.7%, a gain almost entirely due to increased trailer-container movements.

Loadings (excluding U.S. receipts) on a regional basis showed improvements in Newfoundland, Ontario, Quebec and the four Western provinces. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the two Territories registered freight losses.

For further details, order the third quarter issue of *Railway Freight Traffic* (52-002, \$1.50/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended January 21

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,177,866	1,993,211	4,171,077
Short tons, 1976	1,908,329	2,011,209	3,919,538
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 975 727	1 808 211	3 783 938
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 731 207	1 824 538	3 555 745
% change	14.1	-0.9	6.4
Cars, 1977	36 776	30 073	66 849
Cars, 1976	33 586	30 543	64 129
% change	9.5	-1.5	4.2
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	150,557	57,873	208,430
Metric tonnes, 1977	113,903	49,594	163,497
Metric tonnes, 1976	136 583	52 502	189 085
% change	103 331	44 991	148 322
Cars, 1977	32.2	16.7	27.5
Cars, 1976	4,431	2,467	6,898
% change	3,992	1,991	5,983
Year-to-date	11.0	23.9	15.3
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	6,092,630	5,232,913	11,325,543
Short tons, 1976	5,424,240	5,078,015	10,502,255
Metric tonnes, 1977	5,527,141	4,747,219	10,274,360
Metric tonnes, 1976	4,920,788	4,606,698	9,527,486
% change	12.3	3.1	7.8
Cars, 1977	98,944	80,214	179,158
Cars, 1976	91,275	79,915	171,190
% change	8.4	0.4	4.7
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	380,263	145,439	525,702
Short tons, 1976	319,330	135,294	454,624
Metric tonnes, 1977	344,969	131,940	476,909
Metric tonnes, 1976	289,691	122,737	412,428
% change	19.1	7.5	15.6
Cars, 1977	11,332	6,303	17,635
Cars, 1976	10,593	5,578	16,171
% change	7.0	13.0	9.1

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

NOTE: 1976 figures contain adjustments.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended January 21, 1977
— Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Rail freight loaded in Canada in the third week of 1977 totalled 4.2 million short tons (3.8 million metric tonnes), an increase of 6.4% over the same 1976 period. Traffic originated east of the Lakehead, which accounted for just over 50.0% of the total, rose 14.1%, while the West originations were down 0.9%.

The number of cars loaded during the current seven days totalled 66,849, a gain of 4.2%, and the average tons per car increased to 62.4 from 61.1.

Trailer-container shipments (piggyback) at 208,430 short tons (189 085 metric tonnes) were 27.5% above the 1976 week. Tonnages of this traffic increased 32.2% in the East and 16.7% in the West.

In the first three weeks of 1977, carload traffic at 11.3 million short tons (10.3 million metric tonnes) ran 7.8% ahead of the 1976 pace. Cumulative piggyback movements were up 15.6%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Oil Pipeline Transport, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian oil pipelines received 75,162,723 B/D (11 949 918 m³/D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in November, down 7.9% from 81,598,603 B/D (12 973 1432 m³/D) received in November 1975. Domestic petroleum and products increased 1.0% to 65,880,730 B/D (10 474 199 m³/D) while imported petroleum and products decreased 41.4% to 9,281,993 B/D (1 475 719 m³/D).

For further information order the November issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Salt, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 728,361 tons in December from 503,466 tons in December 1975. This brought 1976 output to 6,454,310 tons from 5,646,670 tons in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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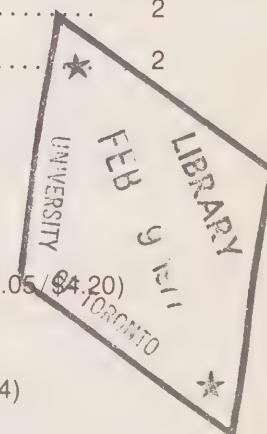
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- Federal Government Employment, July-September 1976** (72-004, \$1.05/\$4.20)
- Refined Petroleum Products, October 1976** (45-004, 40¢/\$4)
- Department Store Sales and Stocks, Novembre 1976** (63-002, 40¢/\$4)
- Hardboard, December 1976** (36-001, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Motor Vehicle Shipments, December 1976** (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, January 1977** (32-012, 30¢/\$3)
- Gypsum Products, December 1976** (44-003, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Mineral Wool, December 1976** (44-004, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, October 1976** (35-002, 30¢/\$3)
- Service Bulletins:**
- Fabricated Metal Products** (41-009, \$2.80 per year), vol. 5, No. 61, Factory Shipments of Valves, 1975
- Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile** (47-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 12, Floor Tiles, December 1976



Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

December 1976 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	% Change	
				Dec./76 Nov./76	Dec./76 Dec./75
Total Index	171.0	169.9	157.7	0.6	8.4
Materials	158.1	158.0	151.3	0.1	4.5
Steel and Metal Work	173.7	175.1	168.8	-0.8	2.9
Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	144.9	144.9	138.1	—	4.9
Electrical Equipment	145.7	145.7	145.1	—	0.4
Concrete Products	174.2	173.5	158.3	0.4	10.0
Lumber and Lumber Products	167.2	161.6	155.5	3.5	7.5
Other	152.9	152.6	145.4	0.2	5.2
Labour	185.2	183.1	164.7	1.1	12.4

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Oilseeds, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Crushings of oilseeds for December, with oil produced and meal produced in brackets (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 131,325 (21,531; 103,450).
- Rapeseed: 79,140 (32,499; 46,217).

For further information, order the December issue of *Oilseeds Review* (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J. M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Asbestos, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Producer shipments of asbestos increased to 153,467 tons in December from 140,255 tons in December 1975. This brought 1976 shipments to 1,693,742 tons from 1,163,674 in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, November 1976 — Advance Information.

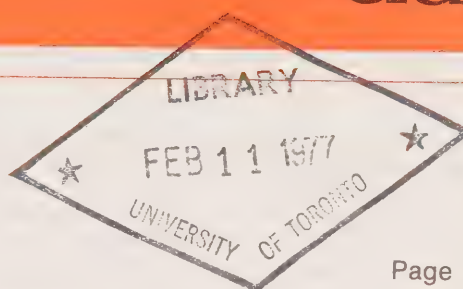
Sawmills in British Columbia produced 939.9 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in November compared to 674.6 million in November 1975. January to November production increased to 9,732.2 million feet board measure from 6,762.3 million feet for the same period in 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Emotionally Disturbed Children

A new publication drawing together statistics on inpatient facilities for emotionally disturbed children has been prepared by Statistics Canada. It covers, for the year 1974, historical and administrative data, number of beds, patient movement, characteristics and services, personnel, educational programs, community participation, income, expenditure and research programs related to the facilities.

For further information, contact the Hospital Section (613-995-0991), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 and ask for *Survey of Inpatient Facilities for the Treatment of Emotionally Disturbed Children, 1974*.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Sales Financing, November 1976 (63-013, 30¢/\$3)

Merchandising Inventories, November 1976 (63-014, 40¢/\$4)

Restaurant Statistics, December 1976 (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50)

(continued)

The Sugar Situation, December 1976 (32-013, 15¢/\$1.50)

Railway Carloadings, December 1976 (52-001, 30¢/\$3)

Oils and Fats, November 1976 (32-006, 30¢/\$3)

Service Bulletin:

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 33, Refined Petroleum Products, November 1976

Provincial Government Finance, Assets, Liabilities and Sources and Uses of Funds, 1974 — Advance Information.

The financial assets of provincial and territorial governments as at March 31, 1974, and as at March 31, 1975, amounted to \$20,845.7 million and \$24,414.1 million, respectively, for an increase of \$3,568.4 million or 17.1% between these dates. Their liabilities amounted to \$21,940.8 million and \$25,097.4 million, respectively, for an increase of \$3,156.6 million or 14.4%.

For further information, order the 1974 issue of *Provincial Government Finance, Assets, Liabilities and Sources and Uses of Funds* (68-209, \$2.10), or contact the Public Finance Division (613-995-0718), Provincial Government Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary statistics for December show that 1.5 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 8.6% from December 1975. Canadian residents returning from visits to the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, 7.2% above the previous year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. rose by 2.7% to 70,000 while Canadians returning from abroad numbered 76,000. Figures for Canadians visiting Hawaii in the above data have been assigned to the U.S. in 1976, affecting year-to-year comparisons.

During all 1976, the number of U.S. residents visiting Canada decreased by 6.8% to 32.2 million. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. including visits to Hawaii in both years rose between 8% and 9% to 35.9 million, while Canadian residents returning from countries other than the U.S. increased by 11.4% to 1.6 million. Residents of overseas countries increased substantially to 1.6 million, 18.8% over 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, December 1976 — Advance Information.

New motor vehicles sold in December reached 92,769 units, down 17.7% from a year earlier. This included 59,468 passenger cars (down 20.4%) and 23,267 commercial vehicles (down 5.3%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 9,181 passenger cars (down 24.1%) and 853 commercial vehicles (down 40.5%)

manufactured overseas.

Total sales value decreased 10.4% to \$583.1 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$358.3 million (down 13.2%) and commercial vehicles for \$175.1 million (down 1.5%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas decreased 15.3% to \$45.7 million and those of commercial vehicles decreased 39.7% to \$3.9 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 260 units of coaches and buses valued at \$8.3 million.

Seasonally-adjusted December sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. increased 14.1% from November to 75,023 units and those of passenger cars from overseas decreased 2.6% to 13,447 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up 3.3% to 29,497 units.

For the year 1976, total sales reached 1,291,465 units (1,316,629 in 1975) with an accumulated value of \$7,743.8 million. This represented an increase of 6.6% in value over sales for 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of refrigerators were 40,542 in December compared to 45,419 in December 1975 and month-end stocks totalled 79,394 units, down from 82,996. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 14,145 from 42,643 and month-end stocks increased to 58,674 from 12,679.

For further information, order the December issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Births and Rates, 1975

	Number		Change (%) 1975-1974	Rate per 1,000 population		Change (%) 1975-1974
	1974	1975		1974	1975	
Canada	346,913	358,621	3.4	15.4	15.7	1.9
Newfoundland	11,504*	11,213**	-2.5	21.2	20.4	-3.8
Prince Edward Island	1,939	1,928	-0.6	16.6	16.2	-2.4
Nova Scotia	12,941	13,119	1.4	15.9	16.0	0.6
New Brunswick	11,444	11,775	2.9	17.3	17.4	0.6
Quebec	85,627	93,000***	8.6	14.0	15.0***	7.1
Ontario	124,229	125,708	1.2	15.3	15.3	—
Manitoba	17,311	17,144	-1.0	17.1	16.8	-1.8
Saskatchewan	15,118	15,260	0.9	16.7	16.6	-0.6
Alberta	29,813	31,618	6.1	17.4	17.9	2.9
British Columbia	35,450	36,277	2.3	14.8	14.8	—
Yukon	495	408	-17.6	25.5	19.6	-23.1
Northwest Territories	1,042	1,171	12.4	27.8	31.0	11.5

*Includes 1,268 delayed registrations pertaining to 1974 but filed in 1975.

**Figures adjusted to include expected delayed registrations.

***Represents estimate based on registrations filed during 1975.

Births, 1975 — Preliminary Information.

The estimated number of births to Canadian residents totalled 358,621 in 1975, an increase of 3.4% from those reported in 1974. The estimated birth rate for Canada was 15.7 per 1,000 population in 1975, an increase of 1.9% from the previous year. Among the provinces, as in the previous year, Newfoundland and Alberta registered higher birth rates with Quebec registering a

higher annual increase than any other province.

For further information contact Mr. D. Nagnur or Mr. J. Silins (613-995-0864), Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Marriages and Rates, 1975

	Number		Change (%) 1975-1974	Rate per 1,000 population		Change (%) 1975-1974
	1974	1975		1974	1975	
Canada	198,824	197,585	-0.6	8.9	8.7	-2.2
Newfoundland	4,276	4,313	0.9	7.9	7.8	-1.3
Prince Edward Island	990	936	-5.5	8.5	7.9	-7.1
Nova Scotia	7,112	7,059	-0.7	8.7	8.6	-1.1
New Brunswick	6,108	5,945	-2.7	9.2	8.8	-4.3
Quebec	51,532	50,377	-2.2	8.4	8.1	-3.6
Ontario	72,716	72,209	-0.7	9.0	8.8	-2.2
Manitoba	9,231	8,915	-3.4	9.1	8.8	-3.3
Saskatchewan	7,988	8,066	1.0	8.8	8.8	—
Alberta	16,691	17,520	5.0	9.7	9.9	2.1
British Columbia	21,734	21,824	0.4	9.1	8.9	-2.2
Yukon	190	201	5.8	9.8	9.7	-1.0
Northwest Territories	256	220	-14.1	6.8	5.8	-14.7

Marriages, 1975 — Preliminary Information.

The number of marriages solemnized in Canada during 1975 totalled 197,585, reflecting a slight decline for the third successive year from an all-time high of over 200,000 registered in 1972. The rate per 1,000 population declined to 8.7 from 8.9 in 1974 and 9.2 in 1972.

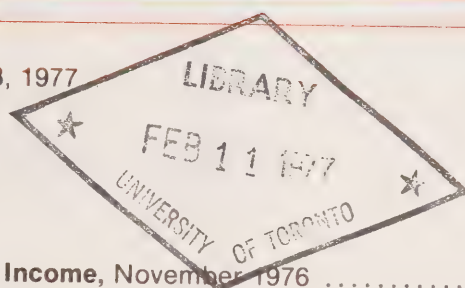
The rate in Saskatchewan remained unchanged from the previous year while Alberta showed a slight increase; all other Provinces and Territories registered

declines in the rate compared to the previous year.

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Exports by Commodities, November 1976 (65-004, 80¢/\$8)

Electric Power Statistics, November 1976 (57-001, 30¢/\$3)

Railway Operating Statistics, November 1976 (52-003, 30¢/\$3)

Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics, November 1976 (24-002, 40¢/\$4)

Apparent Per Capita Domestic Disappearance of Food in Canada, 1975 (32-226, \$1.05)

Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, November 1976 (32-004, 40¢/\$4)

Service Bulletins:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 5, No. 62, Oil Filters and Cartridges, December 1976

Miscellaneous Industries (47-003, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 4, Papermakers and Other Felts, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

	Nov. 1976f	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976p	Nov. 1975
	(\$ millions)			
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	64.3	79.1	96.7	52.1
Forestry	98.1	108.8	109.0	70.4
Mining	217.8	211.7	208.4	191.7
Manufacturing	1,866.5	1,867.2	1,879.2	1,670.3
Construction	741.1	739.6	686.0	718.3
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	870.8	863.7	906.8	704.8
Trade	1,151.3	1,137.1	1,088.4	1,031.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	519.1	514.7	508.7	466.3
Service	2,085.2	2,232.5	2,014.3	1,805.1
Public Administration and Defence(1)	740.6	737.1	746.5	646.9
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,358.1	8,498.1	8,253.4	7,341.0
Supplementary Labour Income	681.1	689.0	694.2	527.1
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,039.2	9,187.6	8,947.6	7,868.0
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	73.5	72.2	70.9	59.9
Forestry	89.4	92.9	93.9	63.2
Mining	216.1	211.0	210.0	190.3
Manufacturing	1,847.9	1,822.2	1,838.0	1,653.4
Construction	715.1	653.3	597.5	694.4
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	878.0	862.0	897.1	708.1
Trade	1,124.2	1,119.7	1,092.2	1,006.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	526.9	521.2	516.6	452.8
Service	2,042.7	2,173.5	1,992.9	1,770.2
Public Administration and Defence(1)	751.5	748.3	747.7	656.3
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,271.2	8,285.1	8,064.3	7,262.2
Supplementary Labour Income	746.0	735.0	715.4	582.2
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,017.2	9,020.1	8,779.1	7,844.4

f First estimates.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.

(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

Estimates of Labour Income, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Labour income was estimated at \$9,039.2 million for November. Wages and salaries increased by 13.9% between November 1975 and the same month in 1976.

Seasonally-adjusted wages and salaries showed a decline of 0.2% from October to November 1976. The decline was the result of \$175 million in retro-active payments received by Quebec employees in hospitals and education during October 1976.

Further details will be published in the October-December issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20) and additional information can be obtained upon request from Mrs. G. Cauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Division, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

measure from 316,288,000 feet board measure in November 1975. Stocks on hand at the end of November totalled 885,536,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order the November issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 15¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in November to 432,732,000 feet board

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 5,603,916 phonograph records in December, down from 5,938,827 in December 1975.

Production of pre-recorded tapes (8-track cartridges and cassettes only) increased to 1,486,926 from 1,252,484.

For further information, order the December issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin* (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

283,257 short tons (256 966 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 257,078 short tons (233 217 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling (100) was 147.2 in the current week, 154.6 a week earlier and 140.3 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 5, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended February 5, 1977, totals 269,772 short tons (244 733 t), a decrease of 4.8% from the preceding week's total of

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Consumer Price Movements, January 1977 (62-001, 30¢/\$3) — Available February 11, 1977 at 7 a.m. E.S.T.

Summary of External Trade, December 1976 (65-001, 40¢/\$4)

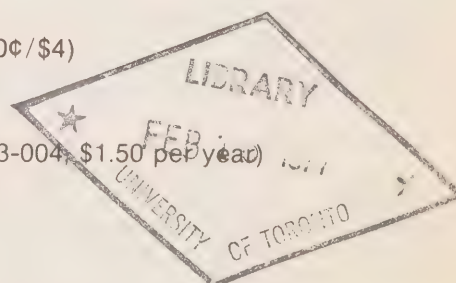
Salt Mines, 1975 (26-214, 70¢)

Department Store Sales by Regions, December 1976 (63-004, \$1.50 per year)

New Surveys, Third Quarter 1976 (11-006, N/C)

Building Permits, November 1976 (64-001, 70¢/\$7)

Fruit and Vegetable Production, January 1977 (22-003, 40¢/\$3)



Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

	Dec. 1976*	Nov. 1976*	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	% Change	
					Dec./76 Nov./76	Dec./76 Dec./75
General wholesale index	526.3	515.9r	502.5	501.2	2.0	4.7
Vegetable products	450.3	439.9r	457.5	463.9	2.4	-1.6
Animal products	543.3	537.4r	563.7	557.4	1.1	-3.6
Textile products	466.5	763.4r	423.0	416.5	0.7	10.3
Wood products	740.7	701.8r	652.3	644.5	5.5	13.6
Iron products	575.7	575.3r	548.1	548.1	0.1	5.0
Non-ferrous metals including gold	461.9	453.3r	416.7	422.5	1.9	10.8
Non-metallic minerals	443.1	442.9r	412.6	406.9	0.1	7.4
Chemical products	395.8	394.7r	388.3	386.8	0.3	1.9
Summary indexes						
Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold	618.0	612.1r	573.2	576.7	1.0	7.8
Raw and partly manufactured goods	481.6	471.3r	477.5	478.7	2.2	0.9
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	550.4	540.1r	516.4	513.8	1.0	6.6

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), December 1976 — Advance Information.

The general wholesale index increased 2.0% from the revised November index of 515.9. It was 4.7% higher than in December 1975. Increases were recorded for all the eight major groups.

The wood products index increased 5.5% to 740.7 from the revised November index of 701.8. This reflected price increases for newsprint and wrapping paper (8.3%), hemlock (6.9%), fir (6.4%) and cedar (5.5%). The vegetable products index rose 2.4% due mainly to increases in tea, coffee and cocoa (7.0%), fresh vegetables (4.6%), dried fruits (4.1%) and vegetable oil products (4.1%). Advances of 8.5% for aluminum, 5.9% for antimony, and 5.6% for tin were mainly responsible for a 1.9% increase in the non-ferrous products index. The animal products index increased 1.1%. Increases in hides and skins (11.7%), livestock (3.7%), lard and tallow (2.9%) were offset slightly by decreases of 2.4% for cured meats and 1.2% for leather. Increases of a lesser degree occurred in textile products (0.7%), chemical products (0.3%), iron products and non-metallic products (both 0.1%).

Sugar Sales, January 1977 — Advance Information.

For January Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 70 597 414 kilograms (155,640,679 lbs.) of all types of sugar, 66 218 802 kilograms (145,987,491 lbs.) in domestic sales and 4 378 612 kilograms (9,653,188 lbs.) in export sales.

For further information, order the January issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, December 1976 — Advance Information.

In December, packers, dealers and tanners held 252,379 cattle hides, down from 321,687 a year earlier, and 93,710 calf and kip skins, down from 152,143.

Cattle hide receipts decreased to 176,753 from 212,174 and wettings decreased to 170,591 from 193,595.

For further information, order the December issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, K1A 0V6.

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of television sets were 36,947 colour sets in December and 3,538 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 45,630 and 5,285.

For further information, order the December issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 40¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sendev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Estimates of Labour Income, November 1976 — Correction.

In the table accompanying this article in the *Daily of Tuesday*, February 8, three errors occurred in the figures. Two were in the section unadjusted for seasonal variation — the November 1975 figure for finance, insurance and real estate should read 446.3 and the October 1976 figure for total, wages and salaries should read 8,498.7. In the adjusted table, the September 1976 figure for total, labour income should read 8,779.7.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

November 1976 — Advance Information

	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	57	2	35	—	94	83	2	208	51	344
Prince Edward Island	4	—	—	—	4	14	—	—	—	14
Nova Scotia	137	12	29	47	225	210	12	41	86	349
New Brunswick	159	26	—	59	244	277	6	14	40	337
Quebec	2,282	201	219	3,056	5,758	1,980	166	219	1,771	4,136
Ontario	2,147	795	1,629	2,112	6,683	2,095	667	1,470	2,213	6,445
Manitoba	324	126	78	300	828	255	48	179	493	975
Saskatchewan	749	50	51	731	1,581	425	40	110	328	903
Alberta	711	138	1,098	866	2,813	872	144	593	525	2,134
British Columbia	988	135	277	1,124	2,524	1,257	114	336	801	2,508
Canada	7,558	1,485	3,416	8,295	20,754	7,468	1,199	3,170	6,308	18,145
Metropolitan Areas										
Calgary	192	90	547	226	1,055	250	48	166	95	559
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	79	4	—	12	95	112	—	—	—	112
Edmonton	318	24	503	380	1,225	483	72	427	266	1,248
Halifax	105	12	9	11	137	177	12	41	66	296
Hamilton	141	12	113	—	266	102	22	338	37	499
Hull	77	8	115	—	200	87	8	6	134	235
Kitchener	94	18	20	121	253	188	30	60	242	520
London	115	18	89	—	222	83	14	60	28	185
Montreal	1,291	176	89	2,097	3,653	1,019	138	179	846	2,182
Ottawa	30	16	301	—	347	11	8	—	—	19
Quebec	350	6	—	512	868	334	10	28	591	963
Regina	140	4	—	336	480	154	40	80	96	370
St. Catharines-Niagara	102	64	31	35	232	147	22	45	44	258
Saint-John	70	14	—	24	108	113	4	14	14	145
St. John's	36	—	29	—	65	47	—	196	48	291
Saskatoon	347	40	—	120	507	84	—	—	226	310
Sudbury	55	6	—	—	61	95	12	—	—	107
Thunder Bay	71	2	64	18	155	89	2	—	—	91
Toronto	869	354	690	1,177	3,090	606	270	815	1,062	2,753
Vancouver	522	72	185	708	1,487	636	44	254	133	1,067
Victoria	67	12	—	172	251	104	12	51	357	524
Windsor	103	12	—	236	351	151	8	4	58	221
Winnipeg	259	126	78	272	735	229	46	171	457	903
Sub-Total	5,433	1,090	2,863	6,457	15,843	5,301	822	2,935	4,800	13,858
Major Urban Areas	775	286	313	732	2,106	856	305	133	615	1,909
Other areas 10,000 +	1,350	109	240	1,106	2,805	1,311	72	102	893	2,378
All Areas 10,000 +	7,558	1,485	3,416	8,295	20,754	7,468	1,199	3,170	6,308	18,145

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, November 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

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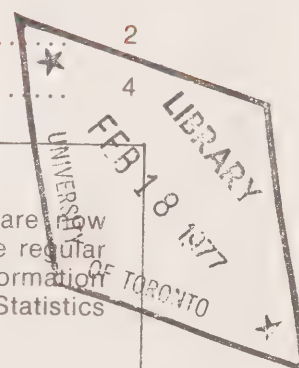
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Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for November are now available, either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Imports by Commodities* (65-007, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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The Labour Force, January 1977 (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, November 1976 (73-001, N/C)

Canadian Statistical Review, December 1976 (11-003E, 70¢/\$7)

Housing Starts and Completions, November 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, September 1976 (26-006, 30¢/\$3)

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, December 1976 (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, December 1976 (32-021, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletin

Rubber and Plastics Products Industries (47-002, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 8, Plastic Film and Coated Products, 1974 and 1975

Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components

(1971=100)

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Relative importance(1)	Indexes			% Change		% Contribution to total change	
		1977		1976	January 1977 from		1977 from	
		Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976
All items	100	154.0	152.7	145.1	0.9	6.1	100	100
Food	27	168.0	166.0	166.8	1.2	0.7	37	3
All items excluding food	73	149.0	147.9	137.5	0.7	8.4	63	97
Housing	33	155.9	154.5	142.1	0.9	9.7	35	51
Clothing	9	135.4	135.4	128.0	0.0	5.8	1	9
Transportation	15	150.1	148.3	138.4	1.2	8.5	21	20
Health and personal care	4	148.8	148.5	139.1	0.2	7.0	1	5
Recreation, education and reading	6	139.5	138.7	132.6	0.6	5.2	4	5
Tobacco and alcohol	6	138.3	138.1	128.3	0.1	7.8	1	7
Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar	—	0.65	0.65	0.69				
All items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100		205.5						

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

Consumer Price Index, January 1977 — Advance Information.

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.9% to 154.0 in January from 152.7 in December. This latest increase, the largest since late 1975, was mainly due to a sharp rise in the food index and to higher charges for shelter and selected household operation items. While the food index increased 1.2%, the index for all items excluding food rose by 0.7%. Between January 1976 and January 1977, the total CPI advanced 6.1%.

The 1.2% increase in the food index, the largest since May 1976, was largely due to seasonally higher prices for fresh vegetables and to increased prices for poultry, coffee, chocolate bars, soft drinks consumed at home and restaurant meals. While the index for food consumed at home increased 1.4% in the latest month, the level of this index was still 0.5% below its level of 12 months earlier.

Higher shelter charges and increased electricity rates in many urban centres were largely responsible for the 0.7% rise in the index for all items excluding food. Price increases for new automobiles contributed notably to this latest advance as did higher movie admission charges.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, advanced 0.9% in the latest month while that for services increased 0.8%. Between January 1976 and January 1977, the price level of services increased 10.8% while that for goods rose 3.5%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.9% from December to January. This included a 1.4% rise in the food index and a 0.7% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In January, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was 7.3%.

(see table on next page)

Retail Trade, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for December were \$5,074.4 million, an increase of 5.8% from the \$4,794.2 million recorded in November. Sales increased in 21 of the 28 trade groups. Specialty shoe stores (19.4%), all other food stores (15.8%) and automotive parts and accessories stores (13.2%) recorded the largest increases, while household appliance stores (-10.4%) and personal accessories stores (-6.3%) recorded the largest decreases. All provinces recorded higher sales than in November, ranging from a high of 9.8% for New Brunswick to 0.5% for Alberta.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$6,332.8 million in December, an increase of 9.8% over December 1975. Sales increased in 24 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by specialty shoe stores (28.0%) and sporting goods and accessories stores (21.3%). All provinces recorded increased sales over December 1975, ranging from a high of 17.0% for Alberta to 5.8% for Ontario. Montreal sales rose 19.8%, Toronto 9.7%, Winnipeg 12.8% and Vancouver 12.4%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for November was \$5,000.3 million, an increase of 6.5% from November 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

**Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and
Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada* ****

	All-items		Food		All-items excluding food	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1973						
May	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7
June	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.5
July	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.5
August	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.6
September	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.6
October	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5
November	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6
December	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.8
1974						
January	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
February	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.7
March	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.8
April	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.9
May	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.6	1.2	1.3
June	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.2
July	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6
August	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7
October	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
November	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
December	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.8
1975						
January	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
February	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
March	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.9	0.8
April	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8
June	1.5	1.2	3.2	2.8	0.8	0.7
July	1.4	1.1	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
August	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8
September	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	0.8
October	0.9	1.1	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.1
November	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
December	0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.7
1976						
January	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
February	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.6
March	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.7
April	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.7	0.7
May	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.7
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.4
July	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.5	0.6	0.5
August	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	0.8	0.7
September	0.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	1.0	1.0
October	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9
November	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
1977						
January	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.7

*For some elaboration of methodology, see appendix I(a) of *Consumer Prices and Price Indexes* (Catalogue 62-010).

**Seasonally adjusted data are revised annually using updated seasonal adjustment factors. For more information, refer to appendix II, *Consumer Prices and Price Indexes* (Catalogue 62-010).

Railway Carloadings

10-day period ending January 31

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,874,468	2,659,489	5,533,957
Short tons, 1976	2,973,521	2,815,249	5,788,770
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 607 674	2 412 648	5 020 322
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 697 533	2 553 951	5 251 484
% change	-3.3	-5.5	-4.4
Cars, 1977	48,598	41,053	89,651
Cars, 1976	51,904	44,367	96,271
% change	-6.4	-7.5	-6.9
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	217,352	75,611	292,963
Short tons, 1976	185,582	77,982	263,564
Metric tonnes, 1977	197 178	68 583	265 772
Metric tonnes, 1976	168 357	70 744	239 101
% change	17.1	-3.0	11.2
Cars, 1977	6,202	3,169	9,371
Cars, 1976	6,349	3,232	9,581
% change	-2.3	-1.9	-2.2
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	8,967,098	7,892,402	16,859,500
Short tons, 1976	8,397,761	7,893,264	16,291,025
Metric tonnes, 1977	8 134 814	7 159 867	15 294 681
Metric tonnes, 1976	7 618 321	7 160 649	14 778 970
% change	6.8	—	3.5
Cars, 1977	147 542	121 267	268 809
Cars, 1976	143 179	124 282	267 461
% change	3.0	-2.4	0.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	597,615	221,050	818,665
Short tons, 1976	504,912	213,276	718,188
Metric tonnes, 1977	542 147	200 533	742 680
Metric tonnes, 1976	458 048	193 481	651 529
% change	18.4	3.66	14.0
Cars, 1977	17,534	9,472	27,006
Cars, 1976	16,942	8,810	25,752
% change	3.5	7.5	4.9

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: 1976 figures contain adjustments.

Railway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended January 31, 1977
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Freight loaded by rail in Canada in this period totalled 5.5 million short tons (5.0 million metric tonnes), a decrease of 4.4% from the comparable 10 days of 1976. With one exception (the week ended December 7 last year) this represented the first decline in rail traffic since mid-June 1976.

The number of cars loaded during the current period at 89,651 was down 6.9% from 96,271.

Trailer-container shipments (piggyback) registered an 11.2% increase in the 10 days, due entirely to a gain of 17.1% east of the Lakehead. In the West, piggyback traffic was down 3.0%.

In the first month of 1977 railways reported loadings of 16.9 million short tons (15.3 million metric tonnes), an increase of 3.5% over January 1976. Cumulative piggyback movements were up 14.0%. Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Full details on commodity-country export trade for December are now available, either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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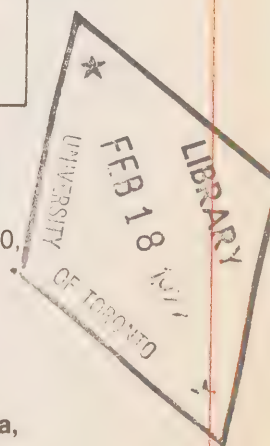
Profile Studies, Structure of Canadian Agriculture, 1971 Census of Canada (99-730, \$1.00)

Gas Utilities, September 1976 (55-002, 30¢/\$3)

Coal and Coke Statistics, October 1976 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, October 1976 (35-003, 30¢/\$3)

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, November 1976 (32-011, 30¢/\$3)



Mineral Production, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of minerals for December and all 1976, with comparable 1975 figures in brackets:

- Primary copper: 59,310 tons; 797,628 tons (67,863; 808,905).
- Primary nickel: 21,291 tons; 263,336 tons (21,995; 266,958).
- Iron ore: 4,217,579 tons; 61,743,998 tons (4,909,863; 49,485,544).
- Silver: 3,797,622 troy ounces; 42,135,515 troy ounces (3,642,190; 39,694,650).
- Refined lead: 18,406 tons; 193,698 tons (20,595; 189,064).
- Refined zinc: 52,736 tons; 520,639 tons (44,857; 470,622).
- Gold: 148,082 troy ounces; 1,686,500 troy ounces (133,961; 1,653,613).

For further information, order the December issues of *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50), *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50) and *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, February 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at February 1 amounted to 79.3 million pounds compared with last year's total of 52.4 million pounds.

For further information, order the February issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Small Boat Accidents, 1975 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The results of a special study show that fatal accidents involving small boats and other pleasure craft on Canadian waters accounted for 368 victims in 1975.

For further information, contact M. McRae (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Particle Board, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 35,448,000 sq. ft. (5/8" basis) of particle board in December compared to 34,671,000 sq. ft. in December 1975, an increase of 2.2%.

For further information, order the December issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 45¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

General Wholesale Price Indexes, December 1976 — Advance Information.

In the table accompanying this article in the Daily of Thursday, February 10, the figure under November 1976 for textile products should read 463.4r.

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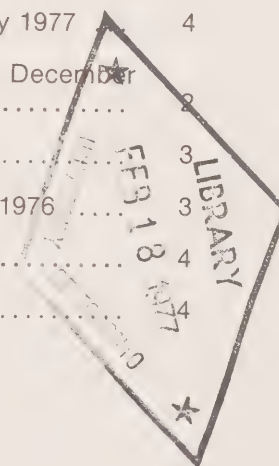
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Percentage Distribution of Families and Unattached Individuals by Income Groups, 1974

Income Group	Families distributed by		Unattached individuals distributed by	
	Total Money Income	Income After tax*	Total Money Income	Income After Tax*
Under \$1,000			7.4	7.5
\$1,000 — \$1,499	1.7	1.8	4.6	4.8
1,500 — 1,999			6.0	5.8
2,000 — 2,999	1.8	1.9	18.3	18.8
3,000 — 3,999	2.8	3.0	8.3	9.9
4,000 — 4,999	4.3	4.4	6.5	7.8
5,000 — 5,999	3.8	4.6	6.9	9.4
6,000 — 6,999	3.6	4.5	7.3	8.4
7,000 — 7,999	4.1	5.6	6.4	7.4
8,000 — 8,999	4.5	5.9	4.7	6.1
9,000 — 9,999	4.7	6.4	5.2	4.5
10,000 — 11,999	10.0	13.9	8.2	4.4
12,000 — 14,999	17.0	19.9	5.1	3.3
15,000 — 19,999	21.0	17.0		
20,000 — 24,999	10.8	6.3	5.2	1.8
25,000 and over	9.8	4.8		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average income \$	14,833	12,576	6,099	5,234
Median income \$	13,516	11,712	4,838	4,404
Sample size		9,637		2,884
Estimated numbers (000)		5,470		2,067

*Total money income less income tax payable.

Income After Tax, Distributions by Size in Canada, 1974, (13-210, \$1.05).

Average income after tax of Canadian families rose from \$10,771 in 1973 to \$12,576 in 1974, an increase of 17%. Average money income before income tax deductions was \$14,833 in 1974, so the average estimated federal and provincial income tax paid by families was \$2,256, an increase of 16% from \$1,945 in 1973. The average after-tax income of unattached individuals increased by 18% from \$4,424 to \$5,234. With an average money income before income tax deductions of \$6,099 in 1974, unattached individuals paid an average \$865 in federal and provincial income tax, an increase of 19% from \$725 in 1973. The changes in 1974 income distributions, produced by income tax deductions from total money income, are illustrated in the accompanying table.

The estimates were derived from a sample survey conducted annually in the spring. A report containing 1974 estimates is available.

For further information, order *Income After Tax, Distributions by Size in Canada, 1974* (13-210, \$1.05). Inquiries should be addressed to Data Dissemination Unit (613-992-4742), Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December 1976 — Advance Information.

The preliminary estimate of manufacturers shipments in December, seasonally adjusted, was \$8,703.4 million, 4.8% higher than the revised November value of \$8,301.9 million. Durable goods shipments rose 4.7% to \$3,972.0 million from \$3,795.1 million and non-durable goods shipments increased 5.0% to \$4,731.4 million from \$4,506.8 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries rose 5.0% to \$8,686.7 million from \$8,276.8 million. Durable goods new orders increased 5.4% to \$3,935.3 million from \$3,734.0 million and non-durable new orders rose 4.6% to \$4,751.4 million from \$4,542.8 million. The estimated value of unfilled orders in all manufacturing dropped 0.2% to \$9,337.2 million from \$9,353.9 million.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, rose 0.6% to \$16,773.9 million from \$16,670.3 million while total inventory held rose 0.8% to \$17,729.6 million from \$17,583.8 million. Goods in process and finished products inventories rose 4.3% and 0.3%, respectively, while raw materials declined 0.9%.

The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.93:1 in December compared to 2.01:1 for November. The ratio of finished products to shipments dropped to 0.66:1 from 0.69:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers shipments for December were estimated at \$8,325.3 million, 4.2% below the revised November value of \$8,692.6 million. Cumulative shipments for the year 1976 were estimated at \$98,166.3 million, 12.1% higher than the corresponding 1975 estimate of \$87,597.7 million.

For further information, order the December issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries*, (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

(see tables on page 5)

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

December 1976 — Advance Information

	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	21	32	0	6	59	68	0	55	0	123
Prince Edward Island	15	2	0	0	17	16	0	0	24	40
Nova Scotia	137	14	14	39	204	176	4	0	314	494
New Brunswick	86	22	0	60	168	275	40	0	218	533
Quebec	1,746	77	165	2,621	4,609	1,710	95	170	1,087	3,062
Ontario	1,859	632	1,691	2,311	6,493	2,117	501	1,440	1,715	5,773
Manitoba	219	60	128	108	515	326	20	10	397	753
Saskatchewan	370	100	23	257	750	613	16	0	186	815
Alberta	711	118	664	514	2,007	734	91	311	458	1,594
British Columbia	910	81	219	1,626	2,836	1,019	129	226	1,208	2,582
Canada	6,074	1,138	2,904	7,542	17,658	7,054	896	2,212	5,607	15,769
Metropolitan Areas										
Calgary	244	62	269	79	654	312	60	131	187	690
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	37	0	0	71	108	92	4	0	0	96
Edmonton	330	22	191	300	843	308	24	160	123	615
Halifax	96	14	14	3	127	87	4	0	164	255
Hamilton	123	14	95	0	232	94	26	165	86	371
Hull	21	0	48	3	72	99	8	18	204	329
Kitchener	247	12	28	431	718	93	14	36	63	206
London	170	52	83	126	431	129	14	21	0	164
Montreal	1,073	62	117	2,291	3,543	1,019	78	150	638	1,885
Ottawa	287	92	567	120	1,066	349	40	359	187	935
Quebec	269	6	0	216	491	213	2	0	150	365
Regina	116	36	0	0	152	318	14	0	18	350
St. Catharines-Niagara	109	38	13	112	272	199	16	65	0	280
Saint-John	15	22	0	0	37	72	18	0	150	240
St. John's	18	30	0	0	48	40	0	55	0	95
Saskatoon	148	64	0	143	355	138	2	0	145	285
Sudbury	45	2	0	0	47	107	46	0	0	153
Thunder Bay	32	0	63	0	95	51	4	24	0	79
Toronto	343	250	508	534	1,635	369	92	635	852	1,948
Vancouver	505	30	141	1,203	1,879	469	51	204	677	1,401
Victoria	67	6	16	355	444	83	10	11	269	373
Windsor	87	0	31	9	127	116	8	0	58	182
Winnipeg	200	60	128	72	460	264	20	10	312	606
Sub-Total	4,582	874	2,312	6,068	13,836	5,021	555	2,044	4,283	11,903
Major Urban Areas	567	161	244	681	1,653	720	254	147	538	1,659
Other areas 10,000 +	925	103	348	793	2,169	1,313	87	21	786	2,207
All Areas 10,000 +	6,074	1,138	2,904	7,542	17,658	7,054	896	2,212	5,607	15,769

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, December 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).**Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, December 1976 — Advance Information.**

December production of rubber increased to 48,539,000 pounds — 22 017 000 kg (kilograms) — compared to 39,300,000 pounds — 17 826 000 kg — in December 1975. Consumption of rubber increased to 55,997,000 pounds — 25 399 000 kg — compared to 49,016,000 pounds — 22 233 000 kg — for December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Report of Livestock Surveys, Pigs, January 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Total pig numbers in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at January 1, 1977, were up 3% from January 1, 1976. In the West, numbers increased 2%. In the East, numbers increased 4% from the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the January 1 *Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs* (23-005, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact L.C. White (613-994-5855), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

February 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Feb. 4/77 This week	Jan. 28/77 Week ago	Jan. 7/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.1	100.4	101.1
Industrials	85	101.2	100.3	100.8
Foods	9	84.9	84.5	83.7
Alcoholic beverages	5	77.2	75.5	78.7
Textiles and clothing	3	114.7	115.2	115.8
Pulp and paper	7	128.7	129.9	133.6
Printing and publishing	5	99.5	99.8	107.3
Primary metals	4	104.3	103.9	107.1
Industrial mines	6	95.2	94.2	90.6
Metal fabricating	9	183.4	183.5	186.3
Non-metallic minerals	4	85.0	84.5	85.5
Petroleum	8	97.5	95.1	95.3
Chemicals	5	107.5	106.6	111.5
Construction	5	216.5	212.9	216.0
Trade	15	80.3	80.3	83.1
Utilities and services	28	93.2	92.3	93.4
Transportation	6	121.9	120.8	122.9
Pipelines	5	80.3	80.2	81.3
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	102.8	101.5	98.9
Telephone	4	95.9	94.3	95.9
Electric power	3	121.0	119.5	121.9
Gas distribution	5	73.2	72.4	72.5
Finances	21	112.5	112.8	113.9
Banks	8	116.0	117.0	118.7
Investment and loan	9	105.8	104.1	103.8
Insurance	4	97.5	98.3	96.1
Mining Index	17	103.6	102.7	100.7
Gold	9	178.4	177.1	178.5
Base metals	8	67.8	67.1	63.3
Uraniums	2	184.9	185.8	194.1
Primary oils and gas index	5	106.0	108.0	104.0

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 12, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended February 12, was 290,388 short tons (263 435 t), an increase of 7.6% from the preceding week's total of 269,772 short tons (244 733 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 278,075 tons (252 265 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 158.5 in the current week, 147.2 a week earlier and 151.8 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Footwear Statistics, December 1976 — Advance Information.

December production of footwear of all types decreased to 2,891,341 pairs from 2,969,040 in December 1975.

For further information order the December issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1973 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976r	Oct. 1976	Dec. 1975
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments: Total	8,325.3	8,692.6	8,303.6	7,514.9
Non-durable	4,582.2	4,677.7	4,546.1	4,091.0
Durable	3,743.1	4,014.9	3,757.5	3,423.9
New Orders: Total	8,329.9	8,608.2	8,155.3	7,390.9
Non-durable	4,586.4	4,693.4	4,547.4	4,078.3
Durable	3,743.6	3,914.8	3,608.0	3,312.5
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,289.5	9,284.8	9,369.2	10,174.8
Non-durable	1,303.4	1,299.2	1,283.5	1,218.8
Durable	7,986.1	7,985.5	8,085.7	8,956.0
Inventory Owned: Total	16,738.6	16,543.6	16,502.6	15,750.1
Inventory Held: Total	17,665.9	17,471.1	17,393.3	16,529.2
Raw materials	7,330.6	7,239.0	7,307.4	7,116.8
Goods in process	4,694.2	4,617.7	4,572.6	4,343.1
Finished Products	5,641.0	5,614.3	5,513.3	5,069.3
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Shipments: Total	8,703.4	8,301.9	8,063.7	7,838.1
Non-durable	4,731.4	4,506.8	4,426.5	4,235.8
Durable	3,972.0	3,795.1	3,637.2	3,602.3
New Orders: Total	8,686.7	8,276.8	7,873.2	7,670.8
Non-durable	4,751.4	4,542.8	4,407.5	4,236.9
Durable	3,935.3	3,734.0	3,465.7	3,433.9
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,337.2	9,353.9	9,379.0	10,214.9
Non-durable	1,349.7	1,329.7	1,293.7	1,261.4
Durable	7,987.5	8,024.2	8,085.3	8,953.5
Inventory Owned: Total	16,773.9	16,670.3	16,651.5	15,750.9
Inventory Held: Total	17,729.6	17,583.8	17,528.3	16,559.8
Raw materials	7,163.6	7,232.1	7,314.8	6,949.3
Goods in process	4,787.9	4,592.5	4,569.0	4,425.9
Finished products	5,778.1	5,759.2	5,644.5	5,184.6
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	1.93	2.01	2.06	2.01
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.66	0.69	0.70	0.66

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Seasonally Adjusted				
	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976r	% change	Jan.-Dec. 1976p	Jan.-Dec. 1975
	(\$ millions)				
Newfoundland	61.4	56.2	9.2	624.2	700.2
Nova Scotia	193.6	194.8	-0.6	2,143.4	1,907.2
New Brunswick	154.8	151.7	2.1	1,824.8	1,647.0
Quebec	2,179.9	2,274.6	-4.2	25,706.1	23,822.1
Ontario	4,243.3	4,502.2	-5.7	50,264.1	44,082.9
Manitoba	214.3	221.9	-3.4	2,642.7	2,554.2
Saskatchewan	84.7	87.4	-3.1	1,119.7	1,084.5
Alberta	423.0	430.9	-1.8	4,962.2	4,453.7
British Columbia	760.5	763.4	-0.4	8,753.7	7,236.1
Canada*	8,325.3	8,692.6	-4.2	98,166.3	87,597.7

*Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

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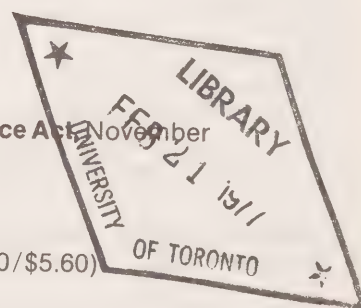
Air Carrier Operations in Canada, April-June 1976 (51-002, \$1.40/\$5.60)

International Travel, December 1976 (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Breweries, December 1976 (32-019, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 5, December 1976: No. 63, Builders and Shelf Hardware; No. 64, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools



Weekly Security Price Indexes

February 1976 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Feb. 11/77 This week	Feb. 4/77 Week ago	Jan. 14/77 Month ago
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Investors Index	134	100.7	101.1	100.2
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Foods	9	85.3	84.9	83.8
Alcoholic beverages	5	79.1	77.2	78.6
Textiles and clothing	3	114.8	114.7	110.6
Pulp and paper	7	126.0	128.7	132.1
Printing and publishing	5	97.1	99.5	106.2
Primary metals	4	103.5	104.3	105.2
Industrial mines	6	92.6	95.2	90.8
Metal fabricating	9	180.5	183.4	181.7
Non-metallic minerals	4	85.2	85.0	84.9
Petroleum	8	100.6	97.5	93.8
Chemicals	5	107.0	107.5	111.6
Construction	5	217.4	216.5	214.2
Trade	15	79.4	80.3	81.8
Utilities and services	28	93.2	93.2	92.8
Transportation	6	121.6	121.9	121.1
Pipelines	5	80.4	80.3	80.9
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	104.4	102.8	99.4
Telephone	4	96.0	95.9	95.8
Electric power	3	120.9	121.0	120.6
Gas distribution	5	72.6	73.2	71.6
Finances	21	112.8	112.5	112.9
Banks	8	116.1	116.0	117.0
Investment and loan	9	106.4	105.8	104.5
Insurance	4	97.0	97.5	96.9
Mining Index	17	105.2	103.6	99.8
Gold	9	186.3	178.4	175.9
Base metals	8	66.3	67.8	63.3
Uranium	2	186.0	184.9	193.3
Primary oils and gas index	5	105.7	106.0	104.2

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,669 units in December, down from 34,934 in December 1975. Conventional washing machines sales were 4,245 units compared to 5,091 (revised) a year earlier. Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 30,820 units compared to 31,000 units. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 1,268 units compared to 1,218.

For further information, order the December issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Refined Petroleum Products, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 59,568,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in December, an increase of 7.0% compared to the latest available data for December 1975.

Preliminary data shows net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 61,877,000 barrels, an increase of 6.2% over December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Input Price Indexes

(1961=100)

	Eastern Canada QIV 1976	Western Canada QIV 1976	Canada QIV 1976
Total Farm Input (p)			
Land and farm building (p)	227.9	232.9	230.2
Farm machinery and motor vehicles	248.3	276.8	262.7
Hired farm labour	202.6	199.1	200.4
Other materials and services	352.7	360.6	355.7
	203.0	217.2	207.7

*p Preliminary figures.***Farm Input Price Indexes, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.**

The Farm Input Price Index for Canada (1961=100) increased 0.9% in the fourth quarter of 1976 to 230.2 from 228.1 (revised) for the third quarter. The eastern index rose 0.5% to 227.9 from 226.7 (revised) and the western index rose 1.4% to 232.9 from 229.7 (revised).

In the latest 12 months, the index rose 3.9% nationally — 4.3% in the East and 3.5% in the West.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact Mrs. A.J. Sprott (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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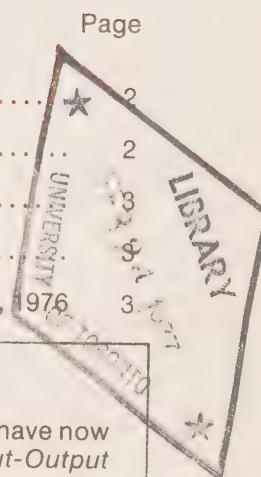
Historical Input-Output Data

Tables for this data for 1971, with comparable figures back to 1961, have now been completed. They will form a part of the publication *The Input-Output Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1961-71* (15-506, \$5.25). It is expected off press in March 1977 but advance information is available from the secretary (613-995-0631), Input-Output Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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- Employment Earnings and Hours, September 1976** (72-002, 70¢/\$7)
- Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, October-December 1976** (62-010, \$1.40/\$5.40)
- Continuing Education, 1973-74** (81-253, \$1.05)
- Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, November 1976** (35-003, 30¢/\$3)
- Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, December 1976** (41-006, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Profile Studies, Migration in Canada, 1971 Census of Canada** (99-705, \$1)
- Service Bulletin:**
 - Fruit and Vegetable Preservation** (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 16, Pack of Processed Peaches, 1976

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Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending February 7

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,128,186	2,156,182	4,284,368
Short tons, 1976r	1,988,797	1,929,041	3,917,838
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 930 658	1 956 055	3 886 713
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 804 206	1 749 997	3 554 203
% change	7.0	11.8	9.4
Cars, 1977	36,071	32,957	69,028
Cars, 1976r	34,062	30,673	64,735
% change	5.9	7.4	6.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	173,960	45,646	219,606
Short tons, 1976r	115,110	44,792	159,902
Metric tonnes, 1977	157 814	41 409	199 223
Metric tonnes, 1976	104 426	40 635	145 061
% change	51.1	1.9	37.3
Cars, 1977	5,405	2,481	7,886
Cars, 1976r	3,822	1,920	5,742
% change	41.4	29.2	37.3
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	11,095,284	10,048,584	21,143,868
Short tons, 1976r	10,386,558	9,822,305	20,208,863
Metric tonnes, 1977	10 065 472	9 115 922	19 181 394
Metric tonnes, 1976	9 422 527	8 910 645	18 333 172
% change	6.8	2.3	4.6
Cars, 1977	183,613	154,224	337,837
Cars, 1976r	117,241	154,955	332,196
% change	3.6	-0.5	1.7
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	771,695	266,696	1,038,391
Short tons, 1976r	620,022	258,068	878,090
Metric tonnes, 1977	700 070	241 943	942 013
Metric tonnes, 1976	562 474	234 115	796 589
% change	24.5	3.3	18.3
Cars, 1977	22,939	11,953	34,892
Cars, 1976r	20,764	10,730	31,494
% change	10.5	11.4	10.8

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

r Revised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 7, 1977
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Rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 4.3 million short tons, or 3.9 million metric tonnes, in the week, a gain of 9.4% over the 1976 period. Traffic was up in both regions of the country with increases of 7.0% recorded east of the Lakehead and 11.8% in the West. The number of cars loaded in the seven days rose 6.6% to 69,028 units.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback), which rose by more than 50% in the East, registered a net over-all gain of 37.3% to 219,606 short tons.

From January 1 through February 7 railways loaded 21.1 million short tons of revenue freight (19.2 million metric tonnes), an increase of 4.6% over 1976. Cumulative piggyback shipments were up 18.3%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs.) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Roundwood production increased 45.2% to 1,220,706 cunits in December from 840,782 cunits in December 1975. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased 44.0% to 2,325,001 cunits from 1,615,053 and the closing inventory of these two products decreased 9.6% to 11,461,467 cunits from 12,675,232. Receipts of wood residue increased 38.9% to 958,283 cunits from 689,936.

For further information, order the December issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Dairy Factory Production, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of creamery butter decreased 36.2% in January 1977 to 10.9 million pounds from 17.1 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production also decreased 11.4% to 12.1 million pounds from 13.7 million pounds and production of ice cream mix decreased 12.9% to 1.8 million gallons from 2.0 million gallons.

For further information order the January issue of *Dairy Factory Production* (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, February 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 47.4 million pounds on February 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 74.3 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 56.2 million pounds from 64.4 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 13.7% to 294.1 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased 19.5% to 24.2 million.

For further information, order the February issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Food Commodities in Cold Storage and Other Warehouses, 1976 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter decreased from 75.7 million pounds at January 1, 1976, to 54.7 million pounds at the year end. Stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 55.1 million pounds from 65.3 million.

Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 2.9% from 329.4 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased 15.3% from 32.5 million.

Stocks of frozen poultry products rose from 48.6 million pounds at January 1, 1976, to 76.4 million at January 1, 1977, and stocks of frozen meats rose from 84.6 million pounds to 125.5 million.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of *Stocks of Food Commodities in Cold Storage and Other Warehouses* (32-217, 70¢), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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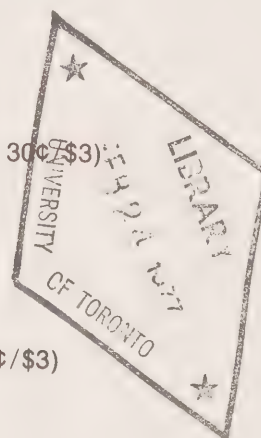
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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, January 1977.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPIs show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately. For reference see footnote to tables.

From December 1976 to January 1977, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from 0.1% in Saint John, N.B., to 1.1% in Calgary. Higher prices for food, new automobiles and widespread increases in electricity rates were largely responsible for these advances. Other contributing factors included higher shelter charges and increased prices for movie admissions.

St. John's

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.6%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.4%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for chocolate bars, processed fruit and fresh vegetables; increased electricity rates, higher shelter charges and higher prices for new automobiles.

Halifax

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.3%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.2%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher prices for new cars. Movie admission charges increased while food at home prices declined slightly.

Saint John

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.1%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.5%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher electricity rates. Prices also up for new cars and movie admissions. Food at home prices declined while restaurant meal prices rose.

Quebec City

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 7.0%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for meat, chocolate bars and fresh vegetables; increased prices for new automobiles and higher electricity rates. Clothing prices declined.

Montreal

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.4%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for meat, chocolate bars, fresh vegetables and restaurant meals. Higher prices for new cars and increased rates for electricity and newspaper subscriptions.

Ottawa

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.8%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for chocolate bars, soft drinks consumed at home, fresh vegetables and restaurant meals; higher prices for new automobiles.

Toronto

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.6%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, chocolate bars, pork and chicken; increased electricity rates and higher prices for new cars.

Thunder Bay

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.3%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 4.8%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for chocolate bars, coffee, fresh vegetables and chicken. Increased telephone rates and higher new car prices.

Winnipeg

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.7%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.6%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and higher new car prices. Food prices increased, notably for fresh produce, chocolate bars, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and restaurant meals. Beer prices also up.

Saskatoon

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.4%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.3%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges; higher prices for new cars and movie admissions. Food prices up mainly for fresh fruit, chocolate bars and restaurant meals.

Regina

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.7%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 7.9%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and chocolate bars; higher prices for new automobiles and movie admissions.

Edmonton

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.8%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.9%.

Main contributors: increased domestic gas rates and higher prices for new cars. Prices also up for chocolate bars and beer for home consumption.

Calgary

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 1.1%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.8%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for beef cuts, fresh fruit and chocolate bars; higher electricity rates. Prices also up for new cars, movie admissions and beer for home consumption.

Vancouver

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.7%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 8.7%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for fresh vegetables and chocolate bars. Increased prices for new cars, gasoline, movie admissions and selected clothing items.

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
St. John's								
January 1977 index	159.4	183.1	157.3	131.0	154.2	160.2	139.8	141.0
December 1976 index	158.4	181.4	156.0	130.7	153.1	159.0	138.9	141.0
% change from December 1976	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.0
% change from January 1976	6.4	4.7	8.9	6.9	6.6	7.1	6.8	1.1
Halifax								
January 1977 index	148.8	166.7	144.4	129.3	153.4	139.9	134.0	135.1
December 1976 index	148.3	166.8	143.9	128.7	152.5	139.7	133.5	135.1
% change from December 1976	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.0
% change from January 1976	5.2	0.8	6.7	5.3	8.1	7.9	4.9	6.6
Saint John								
January 1977 index	152.1	172.5	148.5	128.3	149.3	154.0	148.4	131.0
December 1976 index	152.0	173.9	147.8	128.9	148.4	153.4	147.9	130.9
% change from December 1976	0.1	-0.8	0.5	-0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1
% change from January 1976	5.5	1.2	9.1	5.3	4.5	6.4	5.9	5.2
Quebec City								
January 1977 index	150.0	172.0	144.3	129.2	151.6	140.9	138.8	139.5
December 1976 index	148.6	169.5	142.9	130.3	149.3	140.8	138.3	139.6
% change from December 1976	0.9	1.5	1.0	-0.8	1.5	0.1	0.4	-0.1
% change from January 1976	7.0	3.4	9.3	6.3	8.5	6.5	7.6	9.4
Montreal								
January 1977 index	151.1	172.8	140.5	138.8	152.9	145.1	143.1	141.2
December 1976 index	149.8	170.5	139.4	138.1	150.9	144.8	141.8	141.2
% change from December 1976	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.2	0.9	0.0
% change from January 1976	6.4	3.1	8.9	7.3	8.7	4.6	6.0	9.5
Ottawa								
January 1977 index	151.4	164.0	149.4	143.4	147.8	147.4	136.4	140.1
December 1976 index	150.0	161.4	148.6	143.1	145.3	146.7	135.2	140.1
% change from December 1976	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.2	1.7	0.5	0.9	0.0
% change from January 1976	5.8	-0.8	10.1	6.7	5.9	7.7	4.3	8.3
Toronto								
January 1977 index	150.7	166.0	147.2	132.5	149.0	155.6	139.5	138.3
December 1976 index	149.3	163.4	145.6	133.3	147.0	155.3	138.8	138.3
% change from December 1976	0.9	1.6	1.1	-0.6	1.4	0.2	0.5	0.0
% change from January 1976	5.6	-0.9	9.6	3.6	8.4	8.1	3.9	8.4
Thunder Bay								
January 1977 index	151.8	166.4	151.4	128.7	156.0	151.2	137.8	136.3
December 1976 index	151.3	165.9	150.9	128.1	154.9	150.7	137.4	136.3
% change from December 1976	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.0
% change from January 1976	4.8	-0.5	7.8	4.8	6.1	8.3	4.1	8.0
Winnipeg								
January 1977 index	154.6	169.3	159.3	133.7	146.2	154.7	137.9	140.6
December 1976 index	153.5	168.0	157.6	134.2	144.9	154.2	137.2	139.3
% change from December 1976	0.7	0.8	1.1	-0.4	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.9
% change from January 1976	6.6	0.5	12.7	5.4	5.8	6.0	5.7	9.7
Saskatoon**								
January 1977 index	149.7	165.1	148.7	138.1	139.7	142.5	151.5	134.5
December 1976 index	149.1	164.8	147.7	138.0	138.9	142.5	150.2	134.4
% change from December 1976	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.1
% change from January 1976	6.3	1.8	9.3	7.1	5.5	6.6	6.7	8.8
Regina**								
January 1977 index	151.3	161.7	152.8	135.5	142.5	150.2	154.7	137.2
December 1976 index	150.3	160.1	152.3	135.3	140.7	149.5	153.7	137.0
% change from December 1976	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.1
% change from January 1976	7.9	3.3	11.6	5.8	7.1	11.0	7.9	9.7

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
Edmonton**								
January 1977 index	152.4	161.0	158.9	136.2	152.2	140.6	139.6	131.0
December 1976 index	151.2	160.8	156.5	136.2	150.4	140.1	139.0	129.9
% change from December 1976	0.8	0.1	1.5	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.8
% change from January 1976	6.9	2.5	10.9	6.0	7.2	6.1	8.0	2.2
Calgary**								
January 1977 index	151.6	161.5	153.1	140.2	149.8	145.2	142.4	133.1
December 1976 index	149.9	158.5	151.7	139.8	147.8	144.6	141.2	131.9
% change from December 1976	1.1	1.9	0.9	0.3	1.4	0.4	0.8	0.9
% change from January 1976	6.8	1.2	11.3	6.9	5.4	7.0	10.0	3.9
Vancouver								
January 1977 index	156.3	174.1	152.6	138.8	157.2	150.7	134.1	137.5
December 1976 index	155.2	172.6	151.6	138.0	156.0	150.6	133.4	137.5
% change from December 1976	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0
% change from January 1976	8.7	2.7	10.7	6.3	18.2	9.8	4.3	5.0

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).

** These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supersede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-005).

Tobacco Products, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for January amounted to 6.3 billion compared to 5.2 billion for January 1976. Production of cigars was 45.2 million compared to 40.7 million in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin* (32-022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Electric Power Statistics, December 1976 — Correction.

In the *Daily* of Thursday, February 17, the increase for hydro generation over December 1975 should read 4.0%, not 40%.

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Manufacturers Shipments by Province

Monthly estimates of the dollar values of manufacturers shipments, classified by industry group and province for which current data are published regularly in *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), are now available in the CANSIM data bank from January 1970 to December 1976 and will be maintained on a regular basis.

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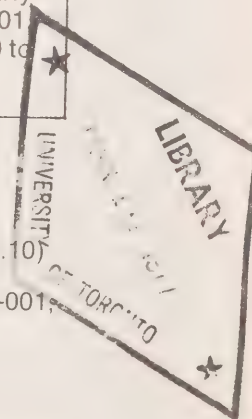
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Silver, Lead and Zinc Production, December 1976 (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50)

Copper and Nickel Production, December 1976 (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, December 1976 (26-007, 15¢/\$1.50)

Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance estimates of capital expenditures in Canada for 1976 and 1977 in the accompanying tables have been compiled for early release to make this information available as early as possible. As advance totals, the estimates are subject to revisions during the detailed provincial compilations now under way but the current information is considered adequate to indicate emerging patterns for 1976 and the year ahead. All amounts shown are in current dollars without any adjustments for price increases in 1976 or 1977. Data for the provinces, on repair expenditures charged to operating expenses, and other special tables will appear in *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977*, to be released in April.

The total of capital expenditure during 1977 by all sectors of the Canadian economy is estimated at \$44,967 million, 7.1% above the 1976 level of \$41,986 million. The latest measurement for 1976 is 1.5% below the mid-year estimates of \$42,599 million and reflects some carryover of work into 1977.

Capital expenditure for new construction in 1977 is expected to reach \$28,821 million (\$27,036 million, +7%). (In the following summary, the total for 1976 and the percentage change in 1977 will be shown parenthetically in the same way). In the construction program, residential construction is estimated at \$9,642 million (\$9,764 million, -1%) on the basis of 235,000 starts projected for 1977 and reflecting carryover of work from the higher rate of starts in 1976. The remainder of the program, represented by non-residential construction, is shown at \$19,179 million (\$17,272 million, +11%). The total for acquisition of new machinery and equipment during 1977 is \$16,146 million (\$14,951 million, +8%).

Capital outlays by the business group are shown at \$28,194 million (\$25,610 million, +10%). The increase is smaller for outlays on social capital by institutions and governments which total \$7,131 million (\$6,612 million, +8%).

In the business sector, utilities contribute the largest advance in value for 1977 with a total of \$9,667 million (\$8,349 million, +16%), mainly because of increases for electric power, telephones, pipelines, urban transport and water transport and related services. Manufacturing registers an increase in total capital spending to \$5,938 million (\$5,254 million, +13.0%) after a decrease of 5% from 1975 to 1976. Most notable gains were in the manufacture of chemical products (which also include heavy water), paper and allied products, transportation equipment, petroleum refineries and in

primary metal processing. Textile and electrical products were the only industry groups showing a decline in 1977.

In the remaining industries of the business sector, the mining group shows significant growth in the new 1977 level of \$4,105 million (\$3,450 million, +19%) primarily because of the program for petroleum and gas. Capital spending on iron and coal mining shows the largest increases in the metal and non-metal mining groups. Only a small increase is recorded for the agriculture and primary fishing activities. Trade and finance also record a small increase in 1977 for capital spending but the commercial services group is down by 11%, in large part reflecting the completion of installations for the Olympic games in 1976.

Capital outlays of the social capital group of institutions and governments at \$7,131 million (\$6,612 million, +8%) show a higher rate of increase in 1977 over 1976 compared with the small increase of 2% in 1976 over 1975. The largest part of the gain for government capital expenditures amounts to \$241 million or 13% on the part of the municipal governments, followed by provincial departments with a gain of \$175 million or 8%. Federal departments will be higher by \$93 million or 9%. In the institutions group, increases shown for schools and hospitals are almost all offset by a decrease for universities, churches and other institutions.

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Industrial Chemicals, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers shipped 64,975,979 pounds — 29 472 609 kg (kilograms) — of polyethylene type synthetic resins in December compared to 53,641,776 pounds — 24 331 501 kg — in December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Specified Chemicals* (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Summary by Sectors, Canada, 1975 to 1977¹

(Millions of dollars)

		Capital expenditures		
		Con- struc- tion	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total
Agriculture and fishing	1975	479.6	1,971.5	2,451.1
	1976	507.1	2,323.1	2,830.2
	1977	550.7	2,333.8	2,884.5
Forestry	1975	90.9	104.6	195.5
	1976	93.4	89.8	183.2
	1977	107.3	110.7	218.0
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	1975	1,968.0	643.8	2,611.8
	1976	2,397.6	1,052.7	3,450.3
	1977	2,858.6	1,246.7	4,105.3
Construction industry	1975	80.2	488.2	568.4
	1976	90.1	547.7	637.8
	1977	96.3	585.0	681.3
Manufacturing	1975	1,568.5	3,952.8	5,521.3
	1976	1,474.5	3,779.8	5,254.3
	1977	1,696.4	4,241.4	5,937.8
Utilities	1975	4,402.9	3,629.9	8,032.8
	1976	4,638.0	3,710.8	8,348.8
	1977	5,563.1	4,103.8	9,666.9
Trade, wholesale and retail	1975	350.9	644.7	995.6
	1976	352.5	668.5	1,021.0
	1977	364.6	668.9	1,033.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	1975	1,559.9	195.0	1,754.9
	1976	1,436.4	291.3	1,727.7
	1977	1,497.0	247.3	1,744.3
Commercial services	1975	857.2	1,608.1	2,465.3
	1976	598.1	1,558.8	2,156.9
	1977	292.2	1,630.6	1,922.8
Institutions	1975	1,190.6	293.4	1,484.0
	1976	1,110.0	301.0	1,411.0
	1977	1,110.9	309.5	1,420.4
Government departments	1975	4,391.8	632.8	5,024.6
	1976	4,574.2	627.3	5,201.5
	1977	5,041.8	668.8	5,710.6
Housing	1975	7,113.9	—	7,113.9
	1976	9,763.8	—	9,763.8
	1977	9,642.0	—	9,642.0
Total (items 1 to 12)	1975	24,054.4	14,164.8	38,219.2
	1976	27,035.7	14,950.8	41,986.5
	1977	28,820.9	16,146.5	44,967.4

Mining, Canada, 1975 to 1977¹

(Millions of dollars)

Mines:				
Metal mines				
Gold	1975	20.7	5.3	26.0
	1976	16.3	4.4	20.7
	1977	16.0	3.9	19.9
Iron ²	1975	225.8	83.8	309.6
	1976	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1977	N/A	N/A	N/A
Copper-gold- silver	1975	109.2	51.8	161.0
	1976	119.8	76.4	196.2
	1977	108.4	101.1	209.5
Silver-lead- zinc	1975	55.3	29.3	84.6
	1976	45.9	21.3	67.2
	1977	47.7	38.4	86.1

		Capital expenditures		
		Con- struc- tion	Machinery and equipment	Sub total
Other metal mines	1975	88.6	45.1	133.7
	1976	304.2	257.9	562.1
	1977	287.8	361.4	649.2
Sub-total (items 1 to 5)	1975	499.6	215.3	714.9
	1976	486.2	360.0	846.2
	1977	459.9	504.8	964.7
Non-metal mines				
Asbestos	1975	42.4	19.3	61.7
	1976	65.4	28.2	93.6
	1977	70.7	39.6	110.3
Other non-metal mines	1975	70.3	190.2	260.5
	1976	64.0	174.5	238.5
	1977	98.2	184.4	282.6
Sub-total (items 7 and 8)	1975	112.7	209.5	322.2
	1976	129.4	202.7	332.1
	1977	168.9	224.0	392.9
Total mines (items 6 and 9)	1975	612.3	424.8	1,037.1
	1976	615.6	562.7	1,178.3
	1977	628.8	728.8	1,357.6
Petroleum and gas	1975	1,355.7	219.0	1,574.7
	1976	1,782.0	490.0	2,272.0
	1977	2,229.8	517.9	2,747.7
Total (items 10 and 11)	1975	1,968.0	643.8	2,611.8
	1976	2,397.6	1,052.7	3,450.3
	1977	2,858.6	1,246.7	4,105.3

² Data for iron missing in 1976 and for 1977 included in "Other Metal Mines" because of confidentiality.

Manufacturing, Canada, 1975 to 1977¹

(Millions of dollars)

Food and beverages	1975	118.2	280.8	399.0
	1976	115.6	303.7	419.3
	1977	139.8	305.4	445.2
Tobacco products	1975	5.7	15.6	21.3
	1976	2.7	13.1	15.8
	1977	3.4	15.6	19.0
Rubber	1975	23.0	100.4	123.4
	1976	13.3	73.6	86.9
	1977	16.5	83.9	100.4
Leather	1975	2.7	10.6	13.3
	1976	3.7	9.3	13.0
	1977	4.9	10.5	15.4
Textiles	1975	31.6	131.6	163.2
	1976	14.1	84.8	98.9
	1977	13.2	60.9	74.1
Knitting mills	1975	0.3	10.7	11.0
	1976	0.7	7.5	8.2
	1977	0.5	8.4	8.9
Clothing	1975	8.5	14.6	23.1
	1976	2.8	13.8	16.6
	1977	4.4	13.3	17.7
Wood	1975	73.6	192.8	266.4
	1976	65.6	160.3	225.9
	1977	68.3	165.7	234.0

(continued)

		Capital expenditures					Capital expenditures		
		Con- struc- tion	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total			Con- struc- tion	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total
Furniture and fixtures	1975	9.2	20.6	29.8	Urban transit systems	1975	160.5	115.7	276.2
	1976	8.3	11.9	20.2		1976	163.1	128.5	291.6
	1977	7.0	13.6	20.6		1977	216.2	158.9	375.1
Paper and allied industries	1975	110.1	467.2	577.3	Pipelines	1975	321.2	40.7	361.9
	1976	156.7	565.9	722.6		1976	292.0	47.2	339.2
	1977	157.9	711.9	869.8		1977	356.3	61.6	417.9
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1975	18.4	77.0	95.4	Capital items charged to operating expenses	1975	—	23.8	23.8
	1976	15.9	73.6	89.5		1976	—	22.8	22.8
	1977	16.7	81.2	97.9		1977	—	24.1	24.1
Primary metals	1975	200.5	614.4	814.9	Sub-total (items 1 to 7)	1975	966.9	962.6	1,929.5
	1976	155.8	462.6	618.4		1976	889.8	807.8	1,697.6
	1977	147.9	510.3	658.2		1977	1,057.1	817.2	1,874.3
Metal fabricating	1975	50.3	160.1	210.4	Communication Broadcasting	1975	51.4	101.6	153.0
	1976	44.7	136.3	181.0		1976	59.3	78.9	138.2
	1977	46.5	143.7	190.2		1977	61.3	79.8	141.1
Machinery	1975	49.1	101.7	150.8	Telephone and telegraph	1975	533.9	1,158.5	1,692.4
	1976	32.1	88.3	120.4		1976	565.2	1,265.2	1,830.4
	1977	32.4	99.2	131.6		1977	632.6	1,406.3	2,038.9
Transportation equipment	1975	76.5	198.3	274.8	Capital items charged to operating expenses	1975	—	22.1	22.1
	1976	63.1	124.7	187.8		1976	—	23.2	23.2
	1977	71.2	224.1	295.3		1977	—	25.6	25.6
Electrical products	1975	28.3	108.6	136.9	Sub-total (items 9 to 11)	1975	585.3	1,282.2	1,867.5
	1976	34.9	113.8	148.7		1976	624.5	1,367.3	1,991.8
	1977	22.8	125.1	147.9		1977	693.9	1,511.7	2,205.6
Non-metallic mineral products	1975	41.1	158.0	199.1	Miscellaneous utilities				
	1976	45.3	194.3	239.6	Grain elevators	1975	18.2	16.6	34.8
	1977	56.3	197.1	253.4		1976	18.3	28.6	46.9
Petroleum and coal products	1975	337.5	112.9	450.4		1977	34.3	33.3	67.6
	1976	264.7	89.9	354.6	Electric power	1975	2,660.8	1,296.3	3,957.1
	1977	308.6	105.1	413.7		1976	2,927.4	1,436.5	4,363.9
Chemical and chemical products	1975	374.7	599.8	974.5		1977	3,588.7	1,663.6	5,252.3
	1976	422.9	684.1	1,107.0	Gas distribution	1975	150.2	42.5	192.7
	1977	568.1	731.1	1,299.2		1976	147.0	42.1	189.1
Miscellaneous	1975	9.2	30.1	39.3		1977	152.9	44.2	197.1
	1976	11.6	30.5	42.1	Other utilities	1975	21.5	9.3	30.8
	1977	10.0	33.3	43.3		1976	31.0	6.5	37.5
Capital items charged to operating expenses	1975	—	547.0	547.0		1977	36.2	8.5	44.7
	1976	—	537.8	537.8	Capital items charged to operating expenses	1975	—	20.4	20.4
	1977	—	602.0	602.0		1976	—	22.0	22.0
Total (items 1 to 21)	1975	1,568.5	3,952.8	5,521.3		1977	—	25.3	25.3
	1976	1,474.5	3,779.8	5,254.3	Sub-total (items 13 to 17)	1975	2,850.7	1,385.1	4,235.8
	1977	1,696.4	4,241.4	5,937.8		1976	3,123.7	1,535.7	4,659.4
						1977	3,812.1	1,774.9	5,587.0
Utilities, Canada, 1975 to 1977¹					Total (items 8, 12 and 18)	1975	4,402.9	3,629.9	8,032.8
(Millions of dollars)						1976	4,638.0	3,710.8	8,348.8
						1977	5,563.1	4,103.8	9,666.9
Transportation:					Trade, Finance and Commercial, Canada, 1975 to 1977¹				
Air transport					(Millions of dollars)				
	1975	29.8	234.3	264.1	Trade:				
	1976	31.4	67.1	98.5	Wholesale	1975	115.9	171.5	287.4
	1977	30.6	69.6	100.2		1976	111.8	217.2	329.0
Railway transport	1975	370.9	322.6	693.5		1977	118.9	207.1	326.0
	1976	343.6	318.2	661.8	(continued)				
	1977	367.9	258.2	626.1					
Water transport and services	1975	59.0	89.3	148.3					
	1976	28.6	83.8	112.4					
	1977	54.5	101.9	156.4					
Motor transport	1975	25.5	136.2	161.7					
	1976	31.1	140.2	171.3					
	1977	31.6	142.9	174.5					

		Capital expenditures		
		Con- struc- tion	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total
Chain stores	1975	75.9	141.6	217.5
	1976	68.5	131.8	200.3
	1977	84.0	148.6	232.6
Independent stores	1975	29.0	53.7	82.7
	1976	30.7	46.8	77.5
	1977	27.3	45.2	72.5
Department stores	1975	46.8	87.1	133.9
	1976	58.2	85.8	144.0
	1977	49.6	75.8	125.4
Automotive trade	1975	83.3	133.0	216.3
	1976	83.3	128.5	211.8
	1977	84.8	133.3	218.1
Capital items charged to operating expenses	1975	—	57.8	57.8
	1976	—	58.4	58.4
	1977	—	58.9	58.9
Sub-total (items 1 to 6)	1975	350.9	644.7	995.6
	1976	352.5	668.5	1,021.0
	1977	364.6	668.9	1,033.5
Finance:				
Banks	1975	97.0	51.4	148.4
	1976	106.2	82.6	188.8
	1977	163.0	92.1	255.1
Insurance, trust and loan companies	1975	49.0	34.3	83.3
	1976	56.5	93.6	150.1
	1977	72.9	29.5	102.4
Other finance	1975	1,413.9	109.3	1,523.2
	1976	1,273.7	115.1	1,388.8
	1977	1,261.1	125.7	1,386.8
Sub-total (items 8 to 10)	1975	1,559.9	195.0	1,754.9
	1976	1,436.4	291.3	1,727.7
	1977	1,497.0	247.3	1,744.3
Commercial services:				
Laudries and dry cleaners	1975	2.0	8.3	10.3
	1976	1.7	8.1	9.8
	1977	1.6	7.7	9.3
Motion picture theatres	1975	5.9	3.0	8.9
	1976	14.6	6.2	20.8
	1977	10.4	7.9	18.3
Hotels	1975	162.9	49.6	212.5
	1976	146.8	33.3	180.1
	1977	114.3	35.5	149.8
Other commercial services	1975	686.4	1,547.2	2,233.6
	1976	435.0	1,511.2	1,946.2
	1977	165.9	1,579.5	1,745.4
Sub-total (items 12 to 15)	1975	857.2	1,608.1	2,465.3
	1976	598.1	1,558.8	2,156.9
	1977	292.2	1,630.6	1,922.8
Total (items 7, 11 and 16)	1975	2,768.0	2,447.8	5,215.8
	1976	2,387.0	2,518.6	4,905.6
	1977	2,153.8	2,546.8	4,700.6

Institutions and Government Departments, Canada 1975 to 1977¹

(Millions of dollars)

Institutions:

Churches	1975	36.2	2.9	39.1
	1976	36.5	2.7	39.2
	1977	22.9	2.9	25.8

		Capital expenditures		
		Con- struc- tion	Machinery and equipment	Sub- total
Universities	1975	124.7	65.4	190.1
	1976	108.1	62.7	170.8
	1977	104.0	59.0	163.0
Schools	1975	649.0	103.3	752.3
	1976	567.8	121.8	689.6
	1977	589.2	128.8	718.0
Hospitals	1975	311.5	112.2	423.7
	1976	331.9	102.9	434.5
	1977	346.3	106.8	453.1
Other institutions	1975	69.2	9.6	78.8
	1976	65.7	10.9	76.6
	1977	48.5	12.0	60.5
Sub-total (items 1 to 5)	1975	1,190.6	293.4	1,484.0
	1976	1,110.0	301.0	1,411.0
	1977	1,110.9	309.5	1,420.4
Government departments:				
Federal	1975	649.7	322.1	971.8
	1976	722.0	366.6	1,088.6
	1977	807.5	374.2	1,181.7
Provincial	1975	1,954.7	153.6	2,108.3
	1976	2,074.5	116.8	2,191.3
	1977	2,241.1	124.9	2,366.0
Municipal	1975	1,787.4	157.1	1,944.5
	1976	1,777.7	143.9	1,921.6
	1977	1,993.2	169.7	2,162.9
Sub-total (items 7 to 9)	1975	4,391.8	632.8	5,024.6
	1976	4,574.2	627.3	5,201.5
	1977	5,041.8	668.8	5,710.6
Total (items 6 and 10)	1975	5,587.0	926.2	6,508.6
	1976	5,684.2	928.3	6,612.5
	1977	6,152.7	978.3	7,131.0

¹ Actual expenditures 1975, preliminary actual 1976, intentions 1977.

Report on Livestock Surveys: Cattle, Sheep, January 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Total cattle and calves in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at January 1, 1977, were estimated at 13,147,000 head, down 3.7% from 13,652,000 at January 1, 1976. Beef cow numbers were estimated at 3,902,200 head, down 4.9% from 4,101,500 head on January 1, 1976.

Total sheep and lamb numbers in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) were estimated at 461,900, down 8.4% from 504,500 at January 1, 1976.

For further information, order the January 1, 1977, *Report on Livestock Surveys: Cattle, Sheep* (23-004, 35¢/70¢), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Department Store Sales and Stocks, December 1976
— Advance Information.

Department store sales were \$982.4 million in December, an increase of 13.7% from \$863.8 million in December 1975. Sales rose in all 40 departments. The largest sales increases were recorded by china and glassware (22.5%), housewares and small electrical appliances (20.6%) and women's and girls' hosiery (18.6%). All provinces reported increased sales over December 1975, ranging from a high of 24.7% for Prince Edward Island to 2.2% for Newfoundland. Sales and percentage increases for metropolitan areas were: Montreal \$117.8 million, 13.4%; Toronto \$162.3 million, 13.9%; Winnipeg \$49.8 million, 10.1%; and Vancouver \$91.2 million, 8.4%.

The selling value of stocks held in December was \$1,633.9 million, an increase of 21.1% over December 1975. Inventories increased in all departments with the exception of plumbing, heating and building materials (-2.1%). The largest increases were recorded by millinery (70.3%) and furs (46.6%).

For further information order the December issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of February amounted to 120.2 million pounds compared with 125.5 million last month and 88.7 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the February issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 19, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended February 19 was 296,417 short tons (268 905 t) — an increase of 2.1% from the preceding week's total of 290,388 short tons (263 436 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 284,108 tons (257 738 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 161.8 in the current week, 158.5 a week earlier and 155.1 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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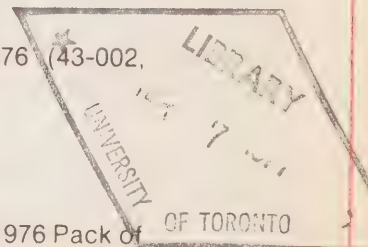
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Radio Air-time Sales, September 1976 — Advance Information.

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were reported at \$5.6 million for September 1976, a decrease of 1.8% from \$5.7 million for September 1975. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$4.8 million, a decrease of 2.1% from \$4.9 million.

Net local air-time sales were \$13.8 million compared to \$11.6 million, an increase of 18.9%.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 940.9 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in December compared to 706.7 million in December 1975. Production for all 1976 increased to 10,673.1 million feet board measure from 7,469.0 million feet board measure for 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Telephone Statistics, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Thirteen major Canadian telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$291.0 million in December, up 11.9% over December 1975. Operating expenses were \$211.9 million, an increase of 19.1% over December 1975. Net operating revenue was \$79.0 million, down 3.7% from December 1975.

Revenue for all 1976 was \$3,296.2 million compared to \$2,788.5 million in 1975. Operating expenses were \$2,275.5 million compared to \$1,934.3 million in 1975. Net operating revenue was \$1,020.7 million compared to \$854.2 million in 1975.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, February 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on February 1 totalled 32.9 million pounds compared with 37.3 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 131.8 million pounds (143.2 million in 1976).

For further information, order the February issue of *Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables* (32-010, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Boot and Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

The boot and shoe findings manufacturers industry shipped \$36.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 16.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 18.6% to \$18.8 million, the number of employees increased 10.4% to 1,355 and total salaries and wages increased 16.6% to \$10.6 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Shoe Factories and Boot and Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975* (33-203, 70¢).

Leather Glove Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The leather glove industry shipped \$24.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 9.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 12.5% to \$15.3 million, the number of employees decreased 20.8% to 1,276 and total salaries and wages decreased 0.8% to \$10.0 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Leather Glove Factories, 1975* (33-204, 70¢).

Tea and Coffee, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

During the fourth quarter of 1976, production of roasted coffee was 31,821,000 pounds (14 433 762 kg) compared to 26,671,000 pounds (12 097 762 kg) in the same quarter of 1975. Production of instant coffee was 4,566,000 pounds (2 071 103 kg) compared to 6,517,000 pounds (2 956 061 kg). Production of tea was 11,645,000 pounds (5 282 083 kg) compared to 11,490,000 pounds (5 211 776 kg).

For further information, order the December issue of *Miscellaneous Food Preparations* (32-018, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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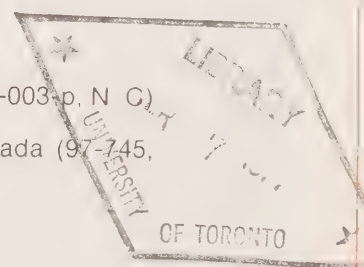
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Production of Eggs and Poultry, December 1976 (23-003, 30¢/\$3)

Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, December 1976 (32-020, 15¢ \$1.50)

Provincial Government Finance, 1976 (68-205, \$1.40)



Employment Indexes (1971=100), Selected Industries, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)

Industry (1960 S.I.C.)	1971 percentage weights	Sept. 1976r	Oct. 1976p	Nov. 1976p	Dec. 1976f
Industrial Composite	100.00	112.0	112.2	112.7	112.7
Forestry	1.21	104.9	95.7	97.7	92.3
Mining, including milling	3.16	105.2	104.7	104.4	105.5
Manufacturing	39.54	104.1	103.5	104.1	104.2
Durable Goods	19.14	103.6	103.9	104.9	105.4
Non-Durable Goods	20.39	104.2	103.2	103.1	103.1
Construction	5.85	89.0	95.7	98.1	101.3
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	16.01	113.35	112.9	113.1	113.7
Transportation	9.53	106.8	104.3	104.9	..
Storage	0.38	100.7	100.8	100.1	..
Communication	3.96	130.6	131.7	131.6	..
Electric Power, Gas and Water	2.15	118.7	118.9	119.4	..
Trade	17.58	121.4	121.5	121.9	120.8
Wholesale Trade	5.84	118.0	118.6	118.1	119.0
Retail Trade	11.73	123.1	123.1	123.4	122.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6.65	128.6	129.0	129.7	130.1
Service	10.01	131.9	132.1	132.2	133.0
Recreational Services	1.04	131.5	131.0	128.5	..
Business Services	2.31	141.8	141.8	142.4	..
Personal Services	4.68	125.2	125.8	126.9	..

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Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), December 1976 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table presents seasonally-adjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961-based data contained in *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Seasonally Adjusted, December 1976 — Advance Information.

The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for December indicated a 0.1% increase over November. Increases were registered in all industry divisions with the exception of forestry and trade, which decreased. Except for Ontario, all regions contributed to the overall increase.

Average weekly earnings rose 2.3% at the national industrial composite level in December. All industry divisions, except forestry, and all regions posted gains.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners were augmented in manufacturing and in construction but decreased in mining. Average hourly earnings rose

in mining and in manufacturing while they declined in construction.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours*.

Detailed information for November and December will be published in the January issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see tables on pages 3-5)

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

December 1976

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Employment Index Number									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.
	1976f	1976p	1976p	1976r	1975	1975	1976f	1976p	1976p	1976r
					1961=100					
Industry Division:										
Forestry	69.3	82.3	86.9	95.8	58.6	68.6	73.4	77.6	76.1	83.4
Mining, including milling	120.1	120.2	119.8	120.3	116.1	116.3	121.4	120.0	120.3	120.9
Manufacturing	124.9	127.6	128.4	129.3	123.3	125.8	127.3	127.2	126.5	127.4
Durable Goods	138.1	140.5	140.1	138.9	138.6	141.1	139.9	139.2	137.8	137.4
Non-durable Goods	114.3	117.3	119.0	121.5	111.0	113.5	117.4	117.4	117.6	118.7
Construction	102.3	117.2	122.1	115.4	107.5	122.9	116.2	112.4	109.8	102.1
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	128.5	129.9	130.6	131.9	125.1	116.3	130.3	129.6	129.3	130.1
Trade	178.1	178.6	175.0	171.3	177.0	175.4	170.3	171.9	171.3	171.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	188.8	188.7	187.6	186.8	177.5	177.5	189.4	188.8	187.7	187.2
Service	237.1	241.6	245.4	247.7	230.9	233.3	246.0	244.6	244.5	244.0
Industrial Composite	142.8	145.8	146.3	146.1	140.3	140.9	144.4	144.3	143.7	143.3
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	127.3	133.1	135.4	139.3	127.1	132.4	131.9	131.1	131.0	132.8
Newfoundland	129.0	137.5	139.8	146.3	124.7	135.0	135.2	134.1	132.4	135.4
Prince Edward Island	136.1	143.9	153.9	163.2	140.3	143.9	145.4	142.2	145.7	149.7
Nova Scotia	124.4	129.3	130.1	130.4	126.4	129.1	126.7	128.1	127.6	126.6
New Brunswick	128.9	133.9	137.3	143.2	128.4	133.7	134.0	131.6	133.7	136.2
Quebec	127.3	130.0	130.0	129.3	127.8	128.4	129.3	128.2	127.0	126.3
Ontario	146.3	149.2	149.3	149.1	143.2	143.3	147.0	147.6	146.7	147.1
Prairie Region	156.8	159.3	160.3	160.4	150.7	150.8	159.2	158.6	158.4	157.2
Manitoba	126.5	128.4	130.0	130.5	127.6	129.3	128.0	127.5	128.8	129.3
Saskatchewan	142.8	145.1	146.3	145.4	140.0	139.3	145.6	143.8	143.9	141.9
Alberta	188.1	191.0	191.3	191.7	174.5	173.4	191.1	190.8	189.2	188.4
British Columbia	167.7	170.5	171.9	170.5	161.9	161.4	171.2	169.8	169.6	167.7
Yukon	169.3	174.5	166.8	166.9	178.8	182.4	176.5	176.5	164.4	160.4
Northwest Territories	149.1	151.7	152.5	162.5	139.2	147.1	165.4	161.2	156.4	148.6
Canada	142.8	145.8	146.3	146.1	140.3	140.9	144.4	144.3	143.7	143.3

Sales Financing, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Sales finance companies purchased \$225.6 millions of retail finance paper in December, a decrease of 2.4% compared with the \$231.1 million purchased in December 1975. The total purchases comprised \$48.2 million for passenger cars, \$36.1 million for other consumer goods, \$77.4 million for commercial vehicles and \$63.9 million for other commercial and industrial goods. Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the third quarter amounted to \$1,309.1 million, a decrease of 21.0% over the \$1,656.1 million financed during the corresponding quarter in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Road Motor Vehicles — Registrations, 1975 — Advance Information.

Passenger automobile registrations in Canada during the 1975 licence year totalled 8,870,307, up 4.7% from the 1974 licence year according to figures reported by the provinces and territories. Registrations of trucks and buses totalled 2,157,804, a rise of 6.4%, while motorcycle registrations increased 3.2% to 331,347.

The number of drivers licences in force during the 1975 licence year was reported at 11.9 million, up 9.8% from the 1974 total.

For further information, contact Mr. R. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or order the 1975 issue of *Road Motor Vehicles, Registrations* (53-219, 70¢).

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Dec. 1976f	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976r	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1976f	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976r
	dollars									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	264.43	312.44	302.09	297.34	214.18	265.77	294.01	303.13	290.05	298.56
Mining, including milling	332.57	333.66	327.29	320.77	299.20	299.15	332.94	329.44	324.98	322.54
Manufacturing	251.80	251.79	247.71	245.76	222.30	224.48	256.91	249.99	244.48	244.22
Durable Goods	267.13	269.71	264.20	262.30	236.34	240.76	276.27	267.07	258.72	257.94
Non-durable Goods	236.86	234.50	232.19	230.51	208.07	208.06	239.45	233.89	231.73	232.18
Construction	314.42	350.31	346.16	337.73	280.03	318.15	353.12	345.30	332.69	324.99
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	273.12	273.52	271.12	268.51	244.89	249.75	275.63	274.78	271.94	269.75
Trade	185.35	179.70	180.21	178.10	168.08	162.90	187.15	182.88	181.37	178.85
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	219.54	217.17	217.23	215.47	201.96	198.56	220.98	219.70	219.49	218.55
Industrial Composite	167.45	164.68	163.49	160.85	151.42	149.79	168.48	165.11	163.72	162.52
Industrial Composite:	235.26	236.77	235.36	232.12	210.43	213.37	242.06	236.53	233.05	230.83
Atlantic Region	210.00	210.14	207.17	204.89	185.49	187.57	215.03	210.84	206.10	205.30
Newfoundland	229.70	230.35	227.63	226.25	199.17	204.71	237.39	231.53	224.20	225.82
Prince Edward Island	181.47	185.00	176.02	175.40	158.23	158.06
Nova Scotia	199.11	199.66	197.15	195.23	177.79	177.79	205.10	200.82	197.60	194.05
New Brunswick	212.61	211.34	208.25	204.41	188.69	190.58	214.71	211.55	207.79	208.18
Quebec	230.81	231.69	228.62	223.67	205.88	209.23	237.31	231.14	226.20	222.69
Ontario	235.20	236.34	235.57	233.00	211.98	214.89	241.45	236.06	233.01	231.59
Prairie Region	232.16	233.85	232.40	231.52	205.67	207.81	237.21	234.22	231.34	231.50
Manitoba	216.31	215.93	215.82	215.10	193.10	194.06	220.21	216.97	215.24	214.95
Saskatchewan	225.61	223.08	222.73	223.95	198.96	199.25	227.48	223.08	221.36	224.65
Alberta	243.15	247.32	244.89	243.27	215.58	219.21	249.28	247.42	243.89	243.00
British Columbia	264.89	270.31	266.55	266.49	236.61	240.84	270.05	264.36	260.20	261.80
Yukon	310.05	327.05	323.60	314.03	285.19	293.02
Northwest Territories	301.76	314.53	307.35	310.98	271.92	282.56
Canada	235.26	236.77	235.36	232.12	210.43	213.37	242.06	236.53	233.05	230.83

Corporation Financial Statistics, 1974 — Advance Information.

The strong economic growth generated in previous years carried into 1974, and is reflected in the financial characteristics reported by corporations. Total assets for all industries rose from \$360 billion in 1973 to \$427 billion in 1974, an increase of 19%, compared to 16% in 1973. The fastest rates of growth took place in the storage industry, where assets were up 76%, and in petroleum and coal products, up 35%.

Non-financial corporations reported a 27% increase in total revenue, up from \$202 billion reported in 1973. This compares with a 19% rise in the previous year. The largest increases occurred in the petroleum and coal products industry, 54%, and mineral fuels, 51%, reflecting the jump in world prices of oil.

Profits, in contrast, did not sustain the previous period's exceptional rates of growth. After-tax profits of non-financial corporations rose \$2.5 billion, up 25%, compared to a 50% increase in the previous year. Wood industries showed a decline of 65% in profits, while paper and allied industries reported an increase of 47% compared to a ninefold increase in the previous 12 months. Profits in metal mining dropped 5% from 1973 after quadrupling in the previous year. There were, however, some notable exceptions, with services

to business management reporting an increase of 134%, and profits in chemicals and chemical products up 82%.

Some of the industries recording the highest returns of profits after tax on equity were in the wholesale trade sector, with grain reporting 31%, metal products 30% and farm machinery 29%.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. A. Dorland (613-996-5980), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z7. Additional details on a 182-industry basis, including key corporate financial ratios, will be available in the 1974 issue of *Corporation Financial Statistics* (61-207, \$2.80).

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.)	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally-adjusted				
	Dec. 1976f	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976r	Dec. 1975 number	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1976f	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976p	Sept. 1976r
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	39.8	41.1	40.7	40.2	40.1	40.6	40.2	40.4	40.3	40.4
Manufacturing	38.3	39.0	38.8	38.9	37.7	39.0	39.9	38.6	38.3	38.5
Durable Goods	39.0	40.0	39.6	39.5	38.3	39.7	40.7	39.5	38.9	38.9
Non-durable Goods	37.4	38.1	38.1	38.3	37.1	38.2	38.7	37.7	37.8	38.0
Construction	35.2	39.2	39.6	39.2	35.1	39.8	40.2	39.0	38.1	37.4
Building	35.2	37.7	37.8	37.1	34.8	38.5	39.4	37.2	36.6	35.8
Engineering	35.3	42.2	42.7	42.4	35.7	42.3	41.7	42.2	40.5	39.7
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	38.1	37.4	37.0	37.1	37.2	38.0	39.8	37.6	37.1	36.9
Quebec	38.6	39.5	39.2	39.2	37.9	39.4	40.5	39.0	38.5	38.6
Ontario	38.6	39.6	39.5	39.6	38.2	39.4	40.1	39.2	38.9	39.0
Prairie Region	36.5	37.5	37.3	37.6	36.8	37.6	37.2	37.1	36.9	37.5
British Columbia	36.4	36.9	36.2	36.4	35.4	36.6	37.4	36.6	36.1	36.5
					dollars					
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	7.92	7.72	7.63	7.51	7.01	6.95	7.87	7.69	7.62	7.53
Manufacturing	6.05	5.99	5.91	5.87	5.34	5.28	6.04	6.00	5.88	5.88
Durable Goods	6.37	6.38	6.29	6.25	5.71	5.68	6.41	6.37	6.23	6.21
Non durable Goods	5.70	5.57	5.52	5.48	4.91	4.83	5.67	5.59	5.54	5.54
Construction	8.87	9.17	8.96	8.80	7.88	8.19	8.99	9.01	8.89	8.79
Building	8.79	9.17	9.10	8.91	8.06	8.31	8.92	9.04	9.03	8.87
Engineering	9.07	9.16	8.73	8.65	7.48	7.98	9.30	9.05	8.65	8.63
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.66	5.49	5.44	5.26	4.73	4.70	5.43	5.47	5.43	5.38
Quebec	5.49	5.42	5.31	5.26	4.80	4.74	5.45	5.42	5.32	5.27
Ontario	6.10	6.06	6.02	5.95	5.45	5.42	6.11	6.06	6.00	5.94
Prairie Region	6.10	6.03	5.99	5.98	5.40	5.41	6.14	6.03	5.94	5.94
British Columbia	8.01	7.88	7.76	7.85	7.02	6.84	7.96	7.85	7.70	7.82

. . figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

International Travel Receipts and Payments, 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for 1976 show that Canada earned \$1,941 million from international travel, 6.9% above 1975, while Canadians abroad spent \$3,123 million, up 22.9% from 1975. The result was an unprecedented deficit of \$1,182 million on international travel.

Travel receipts from the United States amounted to \$1,348 million, while payments totalled \$1,958 million for an estimated deficit of \$610 million. This abnormal deficit with the U.S., the second in a row, was mainly caused by a 6.8% decrease in the number of U.S. residents entering Canada and an 8.6% increase of Canadian residents visiting the U.S. For the first time the statistics indicate that the number of Canadian residents visiting the U.S. was greater than the number of U.S. residents entering Canada.

Receipts from countries other than the U.S. reached \$593 million, 24.1% higher than last year. Payments to these countries attained \$1,165 million, resulting in a deficit of \$572 million.

For further information, order the October-December issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), Financial Flows and Multi-national Enterprises Division, International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

University Salary Scales

The first edition of the bulletin *Salary Scales for Teachers at Canadian Universities, 1976-77* is now available. For more information please contact Patty Brady (613-995-1105), Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

February 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Feb. 18/77 This week	Feb. 11/77 Week ago	Jan. 21/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.1	100.7	99.6
Industrials	85	101.0	100.6	99.0
Foods	9	84.6	85.3	84.2
Alcoholic beverages	5	79.8	79.1	77.7
Textiles and clothing	3	114.0	114.8	113.0
Pulp and paper	7	126.7	126.0	131.7
Printing and publishing	5	98.0	97.1	103.2
Primary metals	4	104.8	103.5	104.4
Industrial mines	6	92.6	92.6	90.7
Metal fabricating	9	179.1	180.5	178.1
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.5	85.2	84.2
Petroleum	8	101.6	100.6	92.5
Chemicals	5	107.6	107.0	108.1
Construction	5	219.6	217.4	212.5
Trade	15	78.8	79.4	80.8
Utilities and services	28	93.9	93.2	92.4
Transportation	6	123.6	121.6	119.1
Pipelines	5	80.8	80.4	80.8
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	104.5	104.4	101.1
Telephone	4	96.9	96.0	95.8
Electric power	3	123.5	120.9	119.4
Gas distribution	5	72.2	72.6	71.5
Finances	21	113.0	112.8	113.6
Banks	8	116.3	116.1	117.7
Investment and loan	9	106.4	106.4	104.9
Insurance	4	98.0	97.0	97.8
Mining Index	17	106.5	105.2	99.9
Gold	9	191.8	186.3	176.4
Base metals	8	65.6	66.3	63.2
Uraniums	2	185.3	186.0	189.8
Primary oils and gas index	5	103.8	105.7	106.6

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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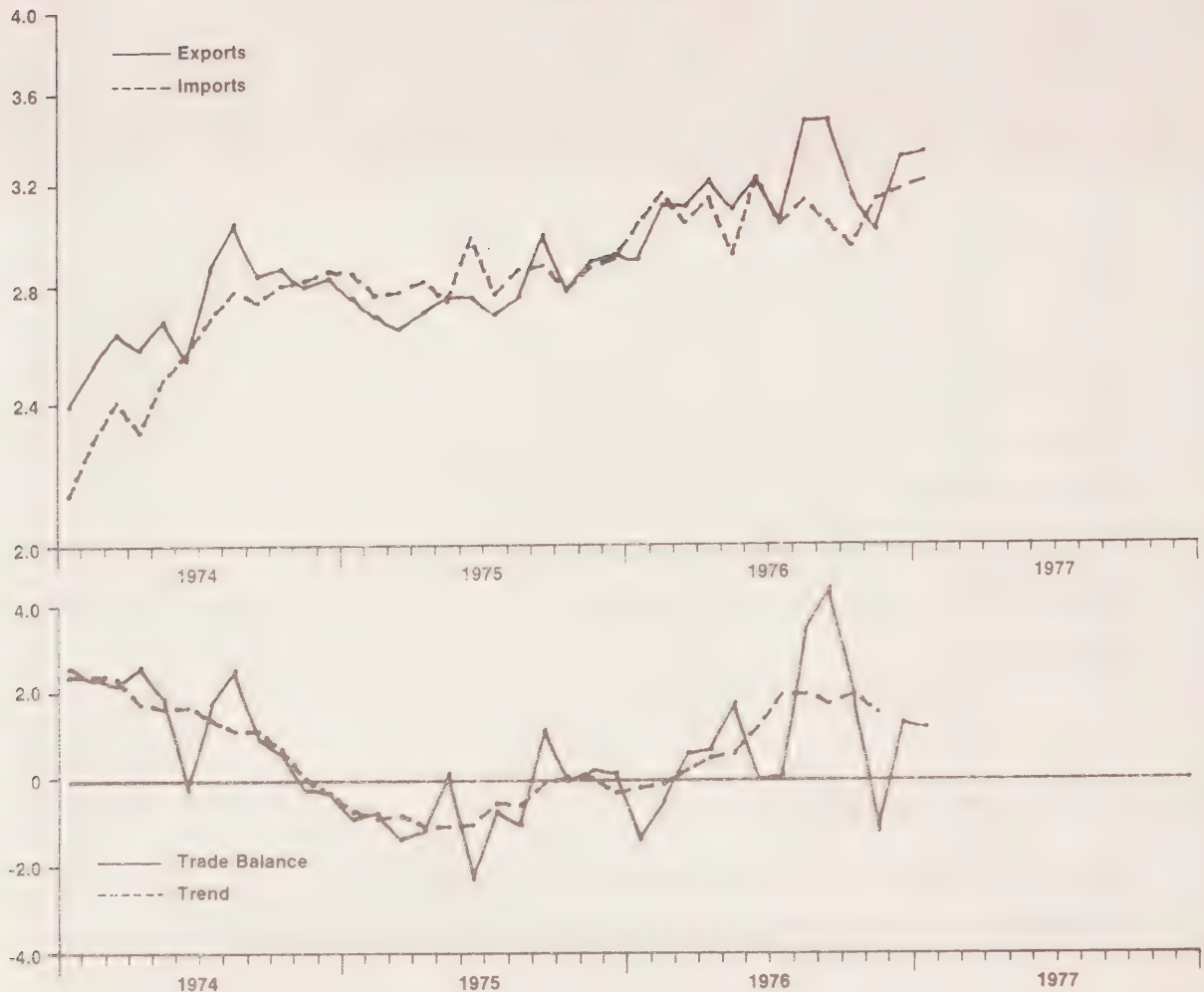
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EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars



Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, January 1977 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis, Canadian exports and imports both rose slightly in January from December. Exports advanced marginally to \$3,323 million following a 9.5% gain in December. Imports increased 1% to \$3,204 million after a similar rise in December. The merchandise trade surplus accordingly declined from \$130 million to \$119 million in January. In a three-month comparison, however, the surplus contracted more sharply to \$131 million in November-January from \$982 million in the previous period, as merchandise exports declined 4.5% to \$9,632 million while imports increased 4.5% to \$9,501 million.

Exports (Customs Basis)

At \$2,364 million in January, seasonally-adjusted exports to the United States were marginally higher

than in December. After three successive monthly increases, the January total almost recovered to the peak 1976 level reached in August. Reduced shipments in January of many crude and fabricated materials (in particular, newsprint), machinery, passenger cars and automotive parts were offset by increased exports of other industrial materials and trucks.

Overseas exports rose smartly from the low level in December to \$1,004 million in January, as shipments increased to all destinations except Japan. Substantial gains were recorded in shipments overseas of wheat, metallic ores and non-ferrous metals. Exports of asbestos, pulp, fertilizers and machinery declined in January. Seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. in

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Merchandise Trade of Canada

	Customs Basis*		Balance of Payments Basis				
	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted		Trade Balance
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports (\$ millions)	Exports	Imports	
1975							
Third Quarter	7,748	8,119	7,874	7,966	8,445	8,503	-58
Fourth Quarter	8,853	8,918	8,998	8,746	8,581	8,542	39
1976							
First Quarter	8,788	9,133	8,635	8,989	9,088	9,210	-122
Second Quarter	10,113	10,026	10,151	9,885	9,502	9,253	249
Third Quarter	9,342	8,724	9,317	8,598	9,973	9,180	793
Fourth Quarter	9,834	9,550	9,916	9,415	9,456	9,244	212
1976							
August	3,062	2,868	3,104	2,833	3,463	3,121	342
September	3,237	2,935	3,255	2,889	3,472	3,032	440
October	3,189	2,995	3,239	2,979	3,147	2,947	200
November	3,382	3,484	3,410	3,457	3,008	3,126	-118
December	3,262	3,071	3,267	2,979	3,301	3,171	130
1977							
January	3,103	3,006	3,082	2,975	3,323	3,204	119

*In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

November-January stood at \$6,762 million, up 1.5% over the preceding period. Rising export commodities included natural gas, lumber, liquefied petroleum gases, trucks and automotive parts. Shipments of passenger cars, metallic ores, pulp and fertilizers declined.

Exports to overseas countries fell 9.5% to \$2,908 million, with the decline involving all principal markets. Shipments of wheat, pulp, newsprint, processed metal materials and automotive products fell while exports of metallic ores, asbestos and lumber increased in the three months ending in January.

Imports (Customs Basis)

Seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. declined 3.5% to \$2,252 million in January, following a 7.5% rise in December. Imports of motor vehicle parts fell sharply from the revised December total, the highest in 1976. Imports of industrial machinery, motor vehicles and other equipment decreased more moderately.

At \$939 million, imports in January from overseas countries were a shade lower than December. An appreciable rise in the value of crude oil landings was recorded in January. Imports of equipment, other than automotive, and consumer goods were lower.

Most of the 4.5% rise in adjusted imports between the August-October period and the three latest months originated in the U.S. Imports from this country advanced over 6% to \$6,766 million. Roughly two-thirds of the increase was due to motor vehicles and parts, in particular to parts. Machinery imports were also noticeably higher.

Imports increased in November-January period from the United Kingdom and Japan but declined from other European Economic Community and remaining countries.

The most prominent increases occurred in seasonally-adjusted imports of petroleum and passenger cars. Smaller declines were recorded in imports of a number of commodities, including meat, sugar and motor vehicle parts.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the January issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

(see tables on pages 4-9)

Shipments of Plastic Pipe, Tubes, Rigid and Semi-rigid Tubing, 1975 — Advance Information.

Advance information on shipments of plastic pipe, tubes, rigid and semi-rigid tubing for 1975 is now available.

For further information, order *Rubber and Plastics Industries Service Bulletin* (47-002, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975							
Third Quarter	8,676.9	6,505.9	6,026.9	290.6	2,359.4	484.4	260.4
Fourth Quarter	8,704.3	6,524.3	6,080.5	286.3	2,337.5	508.5	265.5
1976							
First Quarter	9,294.8	6,981.3	6,333.4	306.4	2,655.0	510.3	369.0
Second Quarter	9,381.7	7,123.1	6,358.2	289.2	2,734.3	492.6	366.1
Third Quarter	9,365.0	6,994.0	6,482.6	256.7	2,625.7	492.6	383.4
Fourth Quarter	9,358.4	6,995.2	6,497.4	300.8	2,560.2	537.0	401.8
1976							
August	3,158.4	2,324.8	2,204.8	86.9	866.7	154.8	123.2
September	3,107.7	2,341.8	2,175.6	84.7	847.4	173.3	131.6
October	2,929.1	2,246.4	1,982.9	97.9	848.3	195.4	128.8
November	3,148.9	2,372.6	2,176.1	109.7	863.1	168.8	135.3
December	3,280.4	2,376.1	2,338.4	93.2	848.8	172.8	137.7
1977							
January	3,191.1	2,306.0	2,251.7	93.1	846.3	174.2	137.4
Percent changes							
January/December	-2.7	-2.9	-3.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.2
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	4.6	2.0	6.3	9.8	-0.1	-1.4	6.9
Jan. 77/Jan. 76	4.5	-1.9	11.0	-6.6	-8.5	1.9	18.4

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,032.4	2,189.2	2,442.6	1,833.1	1,931.1	2,152.5	10.8	13.3	13.4
United Kingdom	89.0	83.6	114.1	96.0	86.2	85.6	-7.3	-3.1	33.3
Other E.E.C.	162.0	161.6	188.3	157.3	170.5	166.2	2.9	-5.2	13.2
Japan	132.3	132.2	159.5	115.4	79.2	101.1	14.6	66.8	57.7
Other O.E.C.D.	102.8	121.8	105.4	99.8	86.3	111.8	2.9	41.1	-5.6
Other America	205.0	138.9	167.6	207.3	151.3	127.8	-1.0	-8.2	31.1
Other Countries	282.8	244.0	306.5	390.0	325.3	241.7	-27.4	-24.9	26.8
All Countries	3,006.3	3,071.3	3,484.0	2,898.9	2,829.9	2,986.7	3.7	8.5	16.6
	Year-to-Date						Jan.-Jan. Percent Changes		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	77/76	76/75	
United States	2,032.4	25,695.4	1,833.1	23,559.3	1,742.8	21,356.7	10.8	5.1	
United Kingdom	89.0	1,153.3	96.0	1,222.0	107.4	1,126.3	-7.3	-10.5	
Other E.E.C.	162.0	2,031.3	157.3	2,073.9	185.5	1,920.2	2.9	-15.1	
Japan	132.3	1,525.6	115.4	1,205.3	145.3	1,429.8	14.6	-20.5	
Other O.E.C.D.	102.8	1,230.4	99.8	1,194.4	84.7	1,113.3	2.9	17.8	
Other America	205.0	2,055.5	207.3	1,802.2	201.0	2,015.2	-1.0	3.1	
Other Countries	282.8	3,741.3	390.0	3,578.5	369.9	2,730.6	-27.4	5.4	
All Countries	3,006.3	37,432.8	2,898.9	34,635.6	2,836.6	31,692.1	3.7	2.2	

Table 3

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Monthly				Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
			Nov. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
			(\$ millions)						
Live Animals	3.8	4.4	8.7	4.2	4.2	6.7	-10.3	6.4	29.0
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	222.3	246.2	262.2	194.7	200.6	252.0	14.1	22.6	4.0
Meat and fish	37.1	48.2	54.2	38.0	31.6	37.4	-2.1	52.5	45.0
Fruits and vegetables	62.3	77.6	77.9	64.1	62.2	61.9	-2.7	24.6	25.7
Raw sugar	22.6	23.1	13.2	11.3	24.4	65.3	99.0	-5.1	-79.8
Crude Materials, Inedible	433.9	339.3	426.0	573.7	465.9	356.2	-24.3	-27.1	19.6
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	34.1	47.6	30.8	26.9	30.8	48.8	26.8	54.3	-37.0
Coal	24.7	42.2	64.8	42.5	61.1	66.2	-41.8	-31.0	-2.1
Crude petroleum	292.1	173.3	260.7	423.2	308.0	192.9	-30.9	-43.7	35.1
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	466.3	491.9	573.3	495.7	483.2	526.0	-5.9	1.7	8.9
Wood and paper	49.1	48.5	56.2	71.9	73.4	79.2	-31.6	-33.9	-29.0
Textiles	66.2	64.5	75.3	78.8	60.0	70.4	-15.8	7.5	6.8
Chemicals	130.7	133.2	148.2	128.6	126.3	129.2	1.6	5.5	14.7
Iron and steel	54.4	59.1	83.4	53.7	58.0	66.4	1.2	1.8	25.5
Bars and rods, steel	8.8	7.9	13.2	6.5	9.6	10.7	34.5	-17.7	23.1
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	17.2	15.3	21.4	15.6	18.6	17.7	10.4	-17.8	20.4
Non-ferrous metals	33.2	49.9	49.5	33.7	42.7	34.7	-1.4	16.9	42.3
End Products, Inedible	1,821.9	1,952.3	2,170.3	1,601.6	1,649.6	1,819.7	13.7	18.3	19.2
General purpose machinery	96.2	101.4	131.8	115.8	101.7	104.1	-16.9	-0.2	26.6
Special industry machinery	155.5	148.0	165.7	150.7	136.0	130.9	3.2	8.8	26.5
Machine tools, metalworking	11.4	12.9	16.7	12.8	12.9	12.6	-10.3	0.5	33.3
Agricultural machinery and tractors	111.9	101.3	110.3	95.6	96.3	85.9	17.0	5.2	28.4
Transportation equipment	828.4	946.4	1,017.0	672.5	798.5	936.6	23.1	18.5	8.5
Sedans, new	170.8	235.8	290.0	132.9	225.8	287.6	28.4	4.4	0.8
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	18.2	28.8	40.6	18.8	24.1	28.1	-3.1	19.4	44.6
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	63.8	72.6	73.9	49.1	69.6	70.1	30.0	4.2	5.4
Other motor vehicles	22.1	25.3	30.0	16.3	20.7	27.2	35.7	22.0	10.1
Motor vehicle engines	36.4	35.8	48.2	36.2	45.1	44.9	0.7	-20.5	7.4
Motor vehicle engine parts	49.7	50.0	52.3	30.8	27.5	40.2	61.2	81.5	29.8
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	383.3	408.8	408.8	301.4	305.8	355.9	27.1	33.6	14.8
Aircraft, complete with engines	7.1	17.0	5.3	7.3	11.8	10.4	-3.5	44.2	-49.3
Other equipment and tools	338.1	355.6	402.3	302.4	281.1	304.5	11.8	26.4	32.1
Electronic computers	42.8	39.3	41.6	28.5	33.1	29.1	50.4	18.5	43.2
Special Transactions, Trade	58.2	37.1	43.6	29.1	26.4	26.0	100.0	40.6	67.7
Total	3,006.3	3,071.3	3,484.0	2,898.9	2,829.9	2,986.7	3.7	8.5	16.6

Domestic Mobile Homes, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Shipments of domestic mobile homes decreased to 2,611 single units in the December quarter from 4,338 single units in the same quarter of 1975.

Shipments of double wide units decreased to 830 from 1,079.

For further information, order the December issue of *Fabricated Metal Products Service Bulletin* (41-009, \$3 a year), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A

Table 3 (Continued)
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Jan.-Jan. Percent Changes	
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	3.8	108.6	4.2	75.3	10.4	111.8	-10.3	-59.5
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	222.3	2,763.3	194.7	2,606.7	239.7	2,404.4	14.1	-18.7
Meat and fish	37.1	545.8	38.0	337.7	29.1	314.0	-2.1	30.3
Fruits and vegetables	62.3	861.1	64.1	773.5	62.3	693.3	-2.7	2.8
Raw sugar	22.6	249.6	11.3	459.2	70.9	401.8	99.0	-83.9
Crude Materials, Inedible	433.9	5,087.4	573.7	5,087.1	502.0	4,072.7	-24.3	14.2
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	34.1	424.4	26.9	468.4	37.5	397.3	26.8	-28.3
Coal	24.7	544.3	42.5	576.3	28.1	302.9	-41.8	51.2
Crude petroleum	292.1	3,272.6	423.2	3,303.6	352.9	2,646.2	-30.9	19.9
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	466.3	6,220.1	495.7	5,944.3	557.3	6,481.6	-5.9	-11.0
Wood and paper	49.1	736.5	71.9	644.6	39.1	559.3	-31.6	83.9
Textiles	66.2	840.7	78.8	740.4	62.0	816.9	-15.8	26.9
Chemicals	130.7	1,682.7	128.6	1,475.6	130.6	1,537.2	1.6	-1.4
Iron and steel	54.4	723.0	53.7	936.8	127.4	1,259.6	1.2	-57.8
Bars and rods, steel	8.8	93.4	6.5	136.1	21.5	247.5	34.5	-69.6
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	17.2	205.8	15.6	276.9	52.1	472.2	10.4	-70.0
Non-ferrous metals	33.2	493.7	33.7	426.6	52.1	608.1	-1.4	-35.3
End Products, Inedible	1,821.9	22,748.2	1,601.6	20,597.5	1,502.2	18,332.3	13.7	6.6
General purpose machinery	96.2	1,313.7	115.8	1,347.8	111.8	1,142.9	-16.9	3.6
Special industry machinery	155.5	1,907.6	150.7	1,860.2	153.4	1,577.5	3.2	-1.7
Machine tools, metalworking	11.4	145.6	12.8	172.2	15.0	149.1	-10.3	-15.0
Agricultural machinery and tractors	111.9	1,318.8	95.6	1,237.4	83.3	901.7	17.0	14.8
Transportation equipment	828.4	10,263.2	672.5	9,474.7	611.9	8,399.9	23.1	9.9
Sedans, new	170.8	2,446.6	132.9	2,288.8	116.7	1,817.4	28.4	13.8
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	18.2	359.2	18.8	259.4	12.1	204.8	-3.1	55.6
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	63.8	839.6	49.1	809.5	47.3	829.5	30.0	3.8
Other motor vehicles	22.1	336.5	16.3	324.2	20.4	281.8	35.7	-20.0
Motor vehicle engines	36.4	507.9	36.2	437.3	31.9	400.5	0.7	13.4
Motor vehicle engines parts	49.7	460.9	30.8	390.7	22.2	333.3	61.2	38.9
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	383.3	4,344.3	301.4	3,627.5	260.1	3,227.1	27.1	15.8
Aircraft, complete with engines	7.1	110.8	7.3	290.9	17.1	376.4	-3.5	-57.0
Other equipment and tools	338.1	4,193.3	302.4	3,530.0	291.1	3,486.5	11.8	3.8
Electronic computers	42.8	428.0	28.5	343.3	31.6	333.1	50.4	-9.8
Special Transactions, Trade	58.2	505.2	29.1	324.7	25.1	289.4	100.0	15.8
Total	3,006.3	37,432.8	2,898.9	34,635.6	2,836.6	31,692.1	3.7	2.2

Table 4

Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	Total excluding cars and wheat	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975								
Third Quarter	8,253.0	6,536.3	6,103.5	5,489.4	450.6	2,313.0	600.9	564.3
Fourth Quarter	8,494.9	6,805.7	6,274.6	5,687.1	356.2	2,451.6	507.4	547.5
1976								
First Quarter	9,168.8	7,258.0	6,732.7	6,127.0	433.8	2,608.0	613.9	675.5
Second Quarter	9,517.5	7,307.3	6,892.5	6,515.4	484.3	2,517.8	622.6	566.2
Third Quarter	9,898.0	7,815.5	7,365.0	6,704.8	508.3	2,684.9	726.6	582.6
Fourth Quarter	9,419.3	7,558.4	7,176.1	6,423.1	425.1	2,571.1	706.8	615.4
1976								
August	3,384.7	2,625.4	2,520.9	2,367.9	162.6	854.2	287.7	144.4
September	3,375.4	2,683.8	2,528.3	2,266.6	170.0	938.8	250.4	237.5
October	3,116.7	2,672.6	2,448.2	2,025.2	138.8	952.7	229.0	247.3
November	3,053.7	2,372.7	2,293.9	2,041.5	158.4	853.8	295.3	153.3
December	3,249.0	2,513.1	2,434.0	2,356.4	128.0	764.6	182.5	214.9
1977								
January	3,367.7	2,523.5	2,391.9	2,363.9	169.3	834.5	220.5	195.2
Percent changes								
January/December	3.6	0.4	-1.7	0.3	32.2	9.1	20.8	-9.1
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	-2.0	-7.1	-5.0	1.5	-3.3	-10.6	-8.9	-10.4
Jan. 77/Jan. 76	10.7	5.3	7.3	18.5	31.6	-9.0	1.2	-12.0

Table 5

Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
	(\$ millions)						Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
United States	2,132.2	2,283.5	2,260.9	1,820.7	1,896.6	1,972.3	17.1	20.4	14.6
United Kingdom	157.2	139.8	161.1	121.3	150.1	122.9	29.5	-6.8	31.0
Other E.E.C.	232.4	212.5	299.1	229.1	222.3	191.8	1.4	-4.3	55.9
Japan	188.3	195.7	191.2	216.9	197.8	128.5	-13.1	-1.0	48.7
Other O.E.C.D.	80.1	78.6	112.3	63.8	75.4	63.3	25.6	4.1	77.4
Other America	95.4	108.9	140.8	136.1	121.6	150.3	-29.9	-10.4	-6.2
Other Countries	217.7	242.8	216.9	268.3	273.2	281.3	-18.8	-11.0	-22.8
All Countries	3,103.3	3,261.8	3,382.3	2,856.2	2,937.0	2,910.4	8.6	11.0	16.2
	Year-to-Date						Jan.-Jan. Percent Changes		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	77/76	76/75	
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,132.2	25,800.0	1,820.7	21,652.4	1,652.0	21,399.5	17.1	10.2	
United Kingdom	157.2	1,853.2	121.3	1,789.3	181.7	1,928.5	29.5	-33.2	
Other E.E.C.	232.4	2,657.0	229.1	2,347.0	204.7	2,174.6	1.4	11.8	
Japan	188.3	2,392.4	216.9	2,122.1	213.5	2,231.3	-13.1	1.5	
Other O.E.C.D.	80.1	1,056.7	63.8	911.6	79.7	1,132.6	25.6	-20.0	
Other America	95.4	1,743.5	136.1	1,561.6	147.3	1,584.9	-29.9	-7.5	
Other Countries	217.7	2,574.0	268.3	2,719.6	232.4	1,989.9	-18.8	15.4	
All Countries	3,103.3	38,076.8	2,856.2	33,103.6	2,711.3	32,441.3	8.6	5.3	

Table 6

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	9.1	13.4	13.7	10.0	15.8	13.5	-8.9	-15.7	0.9
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	296.0	349.2	332.6	354.2	410.9	358.5	-16.4	-15.0	-7.2
Meat and fish	48.0	52.5	55.4	45.6	45.9	57.1	5.4	14.4	-3.0
Cereals and preparations	183.0	212.5	189.8	253.8	291.8	239.8	-27.9	-27.1	-20.8
Wheat	121.7	124.0	108.9	158.0	212.1	172.9	-22.9	-41.5	-37.0
Crude Materials, Inedible	692.2	689.9	727.4	740.4	789.9	692.4	-6.5	-12.6	5.0
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	200.5	184.2	222.1	151.7	219.8	204.6	32.1	-16.1	8.5
Crude petroleum	170.6	166.5	168.7	291.3	270.3	264.0	-41.4	-38.4	-36.1
Natural gas	152.1	147.0	153.5	136.7	132.5	115.6	11.2	10.9	32.7
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,064.1	991.2	1,089.3	849.2	736.7	803.4	25.3	34.5	35.5
Wood and paper	541.0	540.5	611.2	406.3	340.2	332.0	33.1	58.8	84.1
Lumber, softwood	156.2	144.7	160.3	99.6	78.5	69.6	56.7	84.3	130.2
Wood pulp and similar pulp	158.4	171.7	186.0	171.5	145.3	123.1	-7.6	18.1	51.1
Newsprint paper	166.4	177.0	195.9	84.6	84.1	105.8	96.5	110.4	85.1
Textiles	7.7	8.3	10.1	9.8	7.0	8.0	-21.4	17.9	26.1
Chemicals	117.4	107.2	112.5	97.0	90.8	100.3	21.0	17.9	12.1
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	50.0	39.7	39.7	42.2	37.5	47.5	18.5	5.8	-16.4
Petroleum and coal products	57.5	45.2	43.3	73.5	54.0	71.0	-21.7	-16.3	-39.0
Iron and steel	86.0	57.6	67.3	60.6	54.7	73.2	41.9	5.3	-8.0
Non-ferrous metals	191.8	167.8	179.8	149.4	144.7	166.4	28.3	15.9	8.0
Copper and alloys	44.1	37.7	41.3	42.6	38.8	38.6	3.5	-2.8	6.8
Nickel and alloys	33.4	45.0	43.0	23.6	22.5	30.7	41.3	100.1	39.7
End Products, Inedible	979.9	1,133.0	1,134.8	843.5	918.6	966.8	16.1	23.3	17.3
Industrial machinery	68.5	90.1	78.3	67.5	72.4	83.9	1.3	24.4	-6.5
Agricultural machinery and tractors	34.4	49.5	36.9	31.1	43.7	42.6	10.4	13.1	-13.2
Transportation equipment	737.9	792.8	820.4	609.1	654.9	680.9	21.1	21.0	20.4
Passenger automobiles and chassis	317.4	327.2	325.0	264.7	259.3	304.0	19.9	26.1	6.9
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	134.9	126.6	129.9	105.7	97.5	98.6	27.6	29.8	31.7
Other motor vehicles	7.6	11.8	20.0	8.7	9.2	16.4	-13.2	27.6	21.7
Motor vehicle engines and parts	72.0	85.2	84.2	49.4	43.3	52.7	45.8	96.6	59.9
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	169.1	184.8	203.0	140.1	134.6	154.8	20.6	37.3	31.1
Other equipment and tools	58.5	84.5	82.2	50.2	64.0	64.5	16.3	32.0	27.5
Special transactions, Trade	15.5	4.8	6.8	6.0	8.9	12.0	155.8	-46.3	-43.2
Total	3,056.7	3,181.5	3,304.7	2,803.2	2,880.9	2,846.6	9.0	10.4	16.0

Table 6 (Continued)

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Year-to-Date		Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. Jan. Percent Changes	77/76	76/75
			Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975							
	(\$ millions)										
Live Animals	9.1	133.8	10.0	83.3	2.7	89.9	-8.9	264.2			
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	296.0	4,109.5	354.2	4,013.5	383.5	3,780.5	-16.4	-7.6			
Meat and fish	48.0	716.8	45.6	576.7	40.5	524.8	5.4	12.4			
Cereals and preparations	183.0	2,571.0	253.8	2,703.9	277.2	2,555.6	-27.9	-8.4			
Wheat	121.7	1,707.8	158.0	2,001.2	231.1	2,064.9	-22.9	-31.6			
Crude Materials, Inedible	692.2	8,261.0	740.4	7,950.6	716.5	7,793.2	-6.5	3.3			
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	200.5	2,504.8	151.7	2,231.1	165.9	2,375.8	32.1	-8.5			
Crude petroleum	170.6	2,286.7	291.3	3,051.5	328.4	3,419.9	-41.4	-11.2			
Natural gas	152.1	1,616.5	136.7	1,092.2	63.2	493.6	11.2	116.4			
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,064.1	12,131.2	849.2	9,840.3	866.0	10,695.7	25.3	-1.9			
Wood and paper	541.0	6,422.5	406.3	5,011.4	435.8	5,508.8	33.1	-6.7			
Lumber, softwood	156.2	1,610.0	99.6	948.6	58.0	1,254.5	56.7	71.6			
Woodpulp and similar pulp	158.4	2,176.3	171.5	1,826.6	170.2	1,888.8	-7.6	0.7			
Newsprint paper	166.4	1,997.4	84.6	1,742.6	168.0	1,725.9	96.5	-49.6			
Textiles	7.7	99.2	9.8	99.5	8.1	136.2	-21.4	21.7			
Chemicals	117.4	1,364.1	97.0	1,020.0	96.1	984.8	21.0	0.9			
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	50.0	547.2	42.2	456.3	49.3	421.2	18.5	-14.3			
Petroleum and coal products	57.5	557.6	73.5	638.5	58.6	611.3	-21.7	25.4			
Iron and steel	86.0	834.4	60.6	747.8	79.1	755.8	41.9	-23.3			
Non-ferrous metals	191.8	2,136.5	149.4	1,715.2	139.7	2,004.9	28.3	6.9			
Copper and alloys	44.1	516.4	42.6	475.0	37.0	653.8	3.5	15.3			
Nickel and alloys	33.4	443.2	23.6	413.6	40.6	440.3	41.3	-41.8			
End Products, Inedible	979.9	12,488.9	843.5	10,358.7	677.8	9,235.5	16.1	24.4			
Industrial machinery	68.5	881.0	67.5	918.5	81.1	762.9	1.3	-16.7			
Agricultural machinery and tractors	34.4	538.8	31.1	541.5	36.9	398.5	10.4	-15.7			
Transportation equipment	737.9	8,873.4	609.1	7,083.3	424.7	6,333.0	21.1	43.4			
Passenger automobiles and chassis	317.4	3,628.9	264.7	3,014.3	176.0	2,731.4	19.9	50.4			
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	134.9	1,395.2	105.7	1,056.1	79.0	895.5	27.6	33.8			
Other motor vehicles	7.6	160.5	8.7	144.3	8.0	114.9	-13.2	8.2			
Motor vehicle engines and parts	72.0	775.6	49.4	518.3	27.0	460.8	45.8	82.8			
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	169.1	2,183.2	140.1	1,616.4	93.2	1,514.0	20.6	50.2			
Other equipment and tools	58.5	829.1	50.2	742.2	59.9	662.4	16.3	-16.1			
Special Transactions, Trade	15.5	134.4	6.0	78.7	3.1	79.6	155.8	92.2			
Total	3,056.7	37,258.8	2,803.2	32,325.1	2,649.6	31,674.5	9.0	5.8			

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending February 14

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,076,867	2,203,905	4,280,772
Short tons, 1976r	2,166,498	1,894,681	4,061,179
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 884 102	1 999 349	3 883 451
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 965 414	1 718 826	3 684 240
% change	-4.1	16.3	5.4
Cars, 1977	36,088	33,690	69,778
Cars, 1976r	38,020	30,252	68,272
% change	-5.1	11.4	2.2
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	152,945	53,772	206,717
Short tons, 1976r	141,194	41,462	182,656
Metric tonnes, 1977	138 749	48 781	187 530
Metric tonnes, 1976	128 089	37 614	165 703
% change	8.3	29.7	13.2
Cars, 1977	4,713	2,391	7,104
Cars, 1976r	4,681	1,797	6,478
% change	0.7	33.1	9.7
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	13,157,298	12,340,239	25,497,537
Short tons, 1976r	12,553,056	11,716,986	24,270,042
Metric tonnes, 1977	11 936 100	11 194 877	23 130 977
Metric tonnes, 1976	11 387 941	10 629 471	22 017 412
% change	4.8	5.3	5.1
Cars, 1977	219,100	189,546	408,646
Cars, 1976r	215,261	185,207	400,468
% change	1.8	2.3	2.0
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	924,716	335,211	1,259,927
Short tons, 1976r	761,216	299,530	1,060,746
Metric tonnes, 1977	838 888	304 098	1 142 986
Metric tonnes, 1976	690 564	271 729	962 293
% change	21.5	11.9	18.8
Cars, 1977	27,665	14,417	42,082
Cars, 1976r	25,445	12,527	37,972
% change	8.7	15.1	10.8

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

r Revised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 14, 1977
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Rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 4.3 million short tons (3.9 million metric tons), an increase of 5.4% from the comparable 7 days of 1976. Traffic originated east of the Lakehead was down 4.1% while the West showed an increase of 16.3%.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) at 206,717 short tons (187 530 metric tonnes) were 13.2% above the 1976 week.

January 1-February 14 rail carload shipments at 25.5 million short tons (23.1 million metric tonnes) were up 5.1% from 1976. Cumulative piggyback loadings were also higher at 1.3 million short tons (1.1 million metric tonnes), an increase of 18.8%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wineries 1975 — Advance Information.

The wine industry shipped \$79.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 22.0% to \$44.3 million, the number of employees decreased 7.9% to 1,198 and total salaries and wages increased 0.6% to \$13.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Wineries, 1975* (32-207, 70¢).

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Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	To Date		% Change From		
				1976	1975	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1975	12 Months 1976 75
Benefit Payments								
Gross amount (\$000)	272,186	261,116	281,833	3,361,573	3,159,280	4	-3	6
Net amount(1) (\$000)	270,848	259,450	280,391	3,342,247	3,144,022	4	-3	6
Weeks of benefit (000)	2,787	2,735	3,167	36,190	37,327	2	-12	-3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	97.65	95.47	89.00	92.89	84.64	2	10	10
Claims received (000)	304	292	335	2,678	2,857	4	-9	-6
Beneficiaries (000)	719p	602p	720	686(3)p	..	19	—	..
Claimants (2) at month end (000)	1,068	956	1,066	1,006(3)	1,049(3)	12	—	-4

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.

(2) These figures are overstated in terms of active files. If claimants do not report that they became re-employed, a period of 5 weeks is allowed to elapse before their claims are transferred to the inactive file.

(3) Monthly average.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised

— Amount too small to be expressed

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... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

For further information, order the December issue of *Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-p) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, December 1976.

Some 719,000 persons received unemployment insurance benefit in December, 19% greater than in November but virtually unchanged from a year earlier.

Net unemployment insurance benefits paid in December amounted to \$271 million, up 4% from November but 3% less than December 1975. Net payments for the calendar year were \$3,342 million versus \$3,144 million in 1975, an increase of 6%. The average weekly benefit, based on the whole year, rose 10% to \$92.89.

Persons seeking benefit filed 304,000 claims in December, up 4% from November but 9% less than in December 1975. The claim intake for the calendar year was 2,678,000, 6% fewer than in 1975.

Real Domestic Product, December 1976 — Advance Information.

The RDP indexes for a number of industries have been revised back to January 1976 due to the incorporation of more recent data. Revised series for the period January to August can be obtained from the December issue.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased 0.5% to 124.7 in December from a level of 124.1 in November. The index of industrial production increased 0.7% in December. Goods-producing industries rose 0.8% while service-producing industries were up 0.3%.

In the goods-producing industries, increases were recorded in manufacturing, utilities, agriculture, forestry and construction. Mining and fishing and

trapping declined slightly. In manufacturing, the most significant increases were registered by manufacturers of motor vehicles and smelting and refining. The gain in smelting and refining was due to resumption of production at several smelters which had been affected by strikes since June.

Manufacturers of food and beverages, tobacco products, petroleum and coal products and chemicals and chemical products also recorded increases. The most significant decline was in pulp and paper mills, which appeared to be affected by weakening demand reflected by layoffs at a number of mills. Utilities continued to show substantial growth and the increase in December, resulting from advances in both electric power and gas distribution, has been attributed to colder-than-normal weather conditions. Agriculture, forestry and construction recorded moderate increases, with the increase in construction resulting primarily from non-residential building activity.

In the service-producing industries, trade and finance, insurance and real estate made significant gains. In trade, major increases were recorded in retail trade, most notably by new motor vehicle dealers, department stores, food stores, clothing stores and drug stores. Wholesale trade increased slightly. Transportation, storage and communications remained unchanged from November, with increases in air transport and communications, while grain elevators

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Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

December 1976 — Advance Information.

	Domestic		Export		Total	
	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Ingot and semi-finished shapes	27,684	25 115	658	597	28,342	25 712
Rails	27,964	25 368	12,936	11 735	40,900	37 103
Wire rods	56,837	51 561	11,133	10 100	67,970	61 661
Structural shapes:						
Heavy	34,826	31 595	5,828	5 287	40,654	36 882
Bar-sized shapes	7,698	6 985	1,118	1 014	8,816	7 999
Concrete reinforcing bars	44,371	40 253	20	18	44,391	40 271
Other hot rolled bars	64,133	58 183	5,509	4 997	69,642	63 180
Tire plates and track material	8,072	7 322	900	816	8,972	8 138
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	77,616	70 411	18,357	16 653	95,973	87 064
Hot rolled sheets and strip	206,488	187 321	17,208	15 611	223,696	202 932
Cold finished bars	4,917	4 461	171	156	5,088	4 617
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled						
other, coated	114,007	103 422	13,234	12 006	127,241	115 428
Galvanized sheets	57,342	52 021	6,850	6 215	64,192	58 236
Total	731,955	664 018	93,922	85 205	825,877	749 223

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the December issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

declined substantially. Public administration and defence services were unchanged from November but community, business and personal services were down slightly, mainly due to declines in accommodation and food services.

Fourth Quarter

In the fourth quarter of 1976, the seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product advanced 0.6% to 124.1 from 123.4 in the third quarter. The index of industrial production was unchanged from the third quarter.

Goods-producing industries declined slightly, mainly due to decreases in manufacturing, agriculture, forestry and fishing and trapping. However, significant increases were made in construction, mining and, most notably, utilities. Service-producing industries continued to grow in the fourth quarter with increases in trade, finance, insurance and real estate industries, community, business and personal services and public administration and defence services. Transportation, storage and communications recorded the only decline among the service-producing industries during the fourth quarter.

Year 1976

In 1976, real domestic product increased by 4.6% from 117.6 to 123.0. The index of industrial production showed an increase of 4.6% to 119.7. The non-agricultural economy recorded an increase of 4.4%. Goods-producing industries output increased by 5.0% compared to a 4.4% increase for service-producing industries.

For further information, order the December issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (including the Index of Industrial Production) (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers,
January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,307,363,000 square feet (121 458 000 m²) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in January, an increase of 3.8% over the 1,259,483,000 square feet (117 010 000 m²) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	% Change
Real Domestic Product	100.000	121.5	122.9	123.4	124.1	0.6
Agriculture	3.371	95.4	98.5	97.7	94.1	-3.7
Forestry	.715	90.1	105.5	121.3	114.3	-5.7
Fishing and Trapping	.181	113.0	110.0	91.3	82.5	-9.6
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	109.5	109.1	109.1	113.2	3.8
Manufacturing industries	22.862	118.1	120.5	119.9	118.4	-1.3
Construction industry	6.990	119.2	118.5	112.4	113.8	1.3
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	127.8	128.3	132.6	131.7	-0.7
Transportation	5.874	119.9	119.7	124.5	122.0	-2.1
<i>Air transport and services incidental to air transport</i>	<i>.679</i>	<i>175.9</i>	<i>156.7</i>	<i>174.6</i>	<i>169.7</i>	<i>-2.8</i>
<i>Railway transport</i>	<i>1.700</i>	<i>112.7</i>	<i>113.1</i>	<i>121.4</i>	<i>113.9</i>	<i>-6.2</i>
<i>Bus transport, interurban and rural</i>	<i>.089</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>133.3</i>	<i>131.7</i>	<i>126.7</i>	<i>-3.8</i>
<i>Urban transit systems</i>	<i>.250</i>	<i>113.9</i>	<i>115.5</i>	<i>122.5</i>	<i>116.2</i>	<i>-5.2</i>
<i>Pipeline transport</i>	<i>.489</i>	<i>119.2</i>	<i>124.4</i>	<i>122.7</i>	<i>131.2</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Storage	.258	91.9	88.3	99.2	93.7	-5.5
<i>Grain elevators</i>	<i>.177</i>	<i>82.7</i>	<i>78.8</i>	<i>95.4</i>	<i>85.5</i>	<i>-10.3</i>
Communication	2.964	146.6	149.0	151.4	154.2	1.8
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	133.9	135.1	136.8	143.6	5.0
Trade	11.367	131.4	132.5	132.8	134.2	1.0
Wholesale trade	4.509	128.3	127.4	125.1	124.1	-0.8
<i>Wholesale merchants</i>	<i>3.242</i>	<i>129.6</i>	<i>129.5</i>	<i>126.6</i>	<i>125.5</i>	<i>-0.9</i>
Retail trade	6.858	133.4	135.8	137.9	140.9	2.2
<i>Food stores</i>	<i>1.368</i>	<i>110.1</i>	<i>114.2</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>118.5</i>	<i>1.6</i>
<i>General merchandise stores</i>	<i>1.562</i>	<i>136.2</i>	<i>137.7</i>	<i>141.3</i>	<i>142.6</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Department stores</i>	<i>.927</i>	<i>154.7</i>	<i>157.1</i>	<i>162.3</i>	<i>164.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Other general merchandise stores</i>	<i>.635</i>	<i>109.2</i>	<i>109.3</i>	<i>110.5</i>	<i>111.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>
<i>Motor vehicle dealers</i>	<i>.697</i>	<i>156.2</i>	<i>158.9</i>	<i>154.7</i>	<i>156.9</i>	<i>1.4</i>
<i>Clothing stores</i>	<i>.462</i>	<i>124.6</i>	<i>125.5</i>	<i>128.8</i>	<i>132.3</i>	<i>2.8</i>
<i>Hardware stores</i>	<i>.098</i>	<i>115.2</i>	<i>119.0</i>	<i>124.4</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>-2.4</i>
<i>Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores</i>	<i>.177</i>	<i>145.6</i>	<i>146.3</i>	<i>151.1</i>	<i>146.3</i>	<i>-3.2</i>
<i>Drug stores</i>	<i>.290</i>	<i>161.6</i>	<i>166.6</i>	<i>169.7</i>	<i>172.0</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	125.6	127.4	128.7	131.3	2.0
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	121.9	123.1	124.3	126.0	1.4
Education and related services	6.509	110.6	111.9	113.0	114.4	1.2
Health and welfare services	5.272	127.7	127.9	128.9	130.4	1.2
Amusement and recreation services	.427	144.8	145.4	155.7	150.0	-3.7
Services to business management	2.311	132.1	132.1	132.8	134.7	1.4
Personal services	1.000	109.1	108.3	106.8	106.8	—
Accommodation and food services	2.799	128.1	132.6	134.5	138.8	3.2
Public administration and defence	7.388	121.0	121.5	123.5	124.2	0.6
Special groupings:						
Index of industrial production	29.497	118.5	120.4	120.1	120.1	—
Real domestic product less agriculture	96.629	122.5	123.8	124.3	125.2	0.7
Goods-producing industries	40.754	116.2	118.0	116.8	116.6	-0.2
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	37.383	118.0	119.7	118.5	118.6	0.1
Service-producing industries	59.246	125.2	126.4	128.0	129.3	1.0
Commercial industries	81.341	122.9	124.4	124.8	125.4	0.5
Commercial industries less agriculture	77.970	124.1	125.6	126.0	126.7	0.6
Non-commercial industries	18.659	115.9	116.4	117.6	118.5	0.8
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	115.5	118.5	118.1	117.2	-0.7
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	120.6	122.5	121.7	119.5	-1.9

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	% Change
Real Domestic Product	100.000	123.5	123.6	124.1	124.7	0.5
Agriculture	3.371	97.4	94.1	94.0	94.1	0.1
Forestry	.715	122.6	112.5	113.2	117.3	3.6
Fishing and Trapping	.181	86.3	89.3	81.9	76.4	-6.7
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	112.3	113.9	113.4	112.4	-0.9
Manufacturing industries	22.862	119.3	117.2	118.5	119.4	0.8
Construction industry	6.990	107.3	113.6	113.1	114.7	1.4
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	133.3	131.7	131.7	131.6	-0.1
Transportation	5.874	124.7	121.8	122.0	122.1	0.1
Air transport and services incidental to air transport	.679	174.3	169.8	168.8	170.5	1.0
Railway transport	1.700	122.9	114.8	113.8	113.1	-0.6
Bus transport, interurban and rural	.089	133.4	130.0	126.1	123.9	-1.7
Urban transit systems	.250	122.2	119.0	115.7	113.9	-1.6
Pipeline transport	.489	116.9	125.4	134.3	134.0	-0.2
Storage	.258	103.4	95.6	97.8	87.7	-10.3
Grain elevators	.177	101.4	88.4	91.6	76.6	-16.4
Communication	2.964	152.9	154.4	153.9	154.2	0.2
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	137.5	141.2	143.2	146.3	2.2
Trade	11.367	133.2	133.5	134.0	135.1	0.8
Wholesale trade	4.509	125.9	123.4	124.3	124.6	0.2
Wholesale merchants	3.242	127.3	125.6	125.4	125.5	0.1
Retail trade	6.858	138.0	140.2	140.4	142.0	1.1
Food stores	1.368	117.8	118.3	118.1	119.1	0.8
General merchandise stores	1.562	143.3	143.9	142.7	141.2	-1.1
Department stores	.927	164.8	164.3	162.6	165.0	1.5
Other general merchandise stores	.635	111.8	114.1	113.6	106.4	-6.3
Motor vehicle dealers	.697	149.0	154.9	152.6	163.2	6.9
Clothing stores	.462	132.6	133.4	130.5	133.1	2.0
Hardware stores	.098	124.3	121.6	120.0	122.4	2.0
Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores	.177	144.5	141.7	148.9	148.2	-0.5
Drug stores	.290	169.8	163.4	174.3	178.4	2.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	129.4	130.6	131.3	132.0	0.5
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	125.0	125.8	126.2	126.1	-0.1
Education and related services	6.509	113.5	114.3	114.4	114.4	—
Health and welfare services	5.272	129.4	129.8	130.4	131.0	0.5
Amusement and recreation services	.427	151.5	150.1	148.9	150.9	1.3
Services to business management	2.311	133.4	134.3	134.8	134.9	0.1
Personal services	1.000	106.8	106.6	106.7	107.1	0.4
Accommodation and food services	2.799	137.1	138.9	140.0	137.6	-1.7
Public administration and defence	7.388	124.5	124.0	124.3	124.4	0.1
Special groupings:						
Index of industrial production	29.497	120.2	119.1	120.2	121.0	0.7
Real domestic product less agriculture	96.629	124.4	124.6	125.2	125.8	0.5
Goods-producing industries	40.754	116.0	115.8	116.5	117.5	0.9
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	37.383	117.6	117.8	118.5	119.6	0.9
Service-producing industries	59.246	128.7	128.9	129.3	129.7	0.3
Commercial industries	81.341	124.7	124.8	125.4	126.1	0.6
Commercial industries less agriculture	77.970	125.9	126.1	126.7	127.4	0.6
Non-commercial industries	18.659	118.2	118.2	118.6	118.7	0.1
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	117.3	118.0	117.0	116.7	-0.3
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	121.5	116.4	120.0	122.0	1.7

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976		% Change
		1975	1976	
Real Domestic Product	100.000	117.6	123.0	4.6
Agriculture	3.371	85.9	97.8	13.8
Forestry	.715	97.5	108.5	11.3
Fishing and Trapping	.181	74.6	94.2	26.3
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	109.5	110.5	0.9
Manufacturing industries	22.862	113.8	119.1	4.7
Construction industry	5.990	112.9	115.6	2.3
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	124.3	130.1	4.7
Transportation	5.874	118.1	121.6	2.9
<i>Air transport and services incidental to air transport</i>	.679	164.0	169.6	3.4
<i>Railway transport</i>	1.700	111.1	115.1	3.6
<i>Bus transport, interurban and rural</i>	.089	129.0	130.2	0.9
<i>Urban transit systems</i>	.250	114.6	116.8	1.9
<i>Pipeline transport</i>	.489	126.3	124.3	-1.6
Storage	.258	96.2	93.3	-3.0
<i>Grain elevators</i>	.177	89.2	85.7	-4.0
Communication	2.964	139.0	150.2	8.1
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	126.2	137.4	8.8
Trade	11.367	125.9	132.8	5.5
Wholesale trade	4.509	121.3	126.1	3.9
<i>Wholesale merchants</i>	3.242	122.7	127.6	4.0
Retail trade	6.858	128.9	137.2	6.4
<i>Food stores</i>	1.368	106.6	114.7	7.6
<i>General merchandise stores</i>	1.562	132.8	139.4	5.0
<i>Department stores</i>	.927	148.1	160.1	8.1
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Footwear Statistics, December 1976 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)

Fruit and Vegetable Preparations, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (32-017, 35¢/\$1.40)

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Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

	Dec. 1976f	Nov. 1976p (\$ millions)	Oct. 1976p	Dec. 1975
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	54.8	64.3	79.1	44.1
Forestry	79.2	99.1	102.3	48.3
Mining	220.4	217.1	212.7	191.5
Manufacturing	1,870.1	1,875.0	1,860.1	1,656.8
Construction	631.1	739.6	744.6	613.4
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	935.0	870.3	866.3	744.3
Trade	1,202.8	1,158.6	1,126.9	1,072.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	527.0	518.4	515.1	455.3
Service	2,211.0	2,072.2	2,219.1	1,810.3
Public Administration and Defence(1)	754.0	740.6	737.2	688.7
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,490.5	8,358.5	8,470.5	7,332.7
Supplementary Labour Income	662.8	683.2	686.0	519.6
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,153.2	9,041.7	9,156.5	7,852.3
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	75.3	74.0	72.7	60.5
Forestry	91.3	90.5	87.6	57.2
Mining	222.7	215.4	212.0	193.6
Manufacturing	1,901.6	1,856.3	1,815.2	1,685.5
Construction	740.4	710.3	654.4	725.1
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	942.5	874.6	864.7	750.3
Trade	1,161.9	1,131.4	1,109.8	1,035.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	535.0	525.9	521.4	462.1
Service	2,190.4	2,028.3	2,167.0	1,794.3
Public Administration and Defence(1)	761.2	751.3	748.2	694.7
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,626.6	8,263.5	8,261.5	7,465.5
Supplementary Labour Income	741.4	747.7	731.5	587.2
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,368.0	9,011.2	8,993.0	8,052.6

f First estimates.

p Preliminary figures.

(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.

(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

Estimates of Labour Income, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Wages and salaries advanced 1.6% to \$8,490.5 million from November to December 1976. On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the increase was 4.4%.

The gain was the result of retro-active payments. These special payments were estimated at \$283 million for December.

Total labour income for 1976 was estimated at \$104,328.2 million compared to \$90,586.7 million for 1975.

Further details will be published in the October-December issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20) and additional information can be obtained on request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Crude petroleum production for November was 1,489,000 B/D, down 5.3% from 1,573,000 B/D in November 1975.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,138,000 Mcf./D, an increase of 1.6% from 9,976,000 Mcf./D.

For further information, order the November issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price IndexesJanuary 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	% Change	
				Jan./77 Dec./76	Jan./77 Jan./76
Canada, Total	167.5	166.6	153.5	0.6	9.1
Materials	158.1	156.8	148.3	0.9	6.6
Labour	184.3	184.1	163.0	0.1	13.1
Atlantic Provinces, Total	178.7	177.1	161.7	0.9	10.5
Materials	162.4	159.8	150.6	1.6	7.8
Labour	207.0	207.0	180.9	—	14.4
Quebec, Total	168.2	167.3	156.7	0.5	7.3
Materials	162.3	161.4	153.6	0.6	5.7
Labour	179.3	178.5	162.6	0.4	10.3
Ontario, Total	163.2	162.5	149.6	0.4	9.1
Materials	154.6	153.5	145.9	0.7	6.0
Labour	177.8	177.8	155.9	—	14.0
Prairie Provinces, Total	175.4	174.5	159.1	0.5	10.2
Materials	159.7	158.3	148.2	0.9	7.8
Labour	206.0	205.9	180.2	0.1	14.3
British Columbia, Total	166.4	164.9	151.4	0.9	9.9
Materials	159.4	157.1	146.6	1.5	8.7
Labour	178.8	178.8	160.1	—	11.7

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Fourth quarter and annual figures for the chemical and mineral process plant Indexes are now available. For further information, contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division.

Motor Vehicle Shipments, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of passenger cars totalled 98,286 units in January compared to 98,919 units in January 1976. All commercial vehicles totalled 46,479 units compared to 38,864.

For further information, order the January issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 26, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended February 26 was 290,957 short tons, (263 952 t), a decrease of 1.8% from the preceding week's total of 296,417 short tons (268 905 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 282,968 tons (256 704 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 158.8 in the current week, 161.8 a week earlier and 154.4 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Finance Flow Accounts, Third Quarter 1976 (13-002, \$1.75/\$7)

Wholesale Trade, December 1976 (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50)

Electric Power Statistics, December 1976 (57-001, 30¢/\$3)

Concrete Products, December 1976 (44-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Oils and Fats, December 1976 (32-006, 30¢/\$3)

Service Bulletin:

Rubber and Plastics Products Industries (47-002, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 10, Shipments of Plastic Pipes, Tubes, Rigid and Semi-Rigid Tubing, etc., 1974 and 1975

Gross National Product, Fourth Quarter and Annual 1976 — Preliminary Estimates.

Gross National Product, seasonally adjusted at annual rates, increased 1.6% in the fourth quarter to a level of \$189.7 billion; after adjustment for price changes, however, real GNP fell 0.6%. Most of the drop in real output can be attributed to a substantial decline in the volume of exports and, less significantly, to a deceleration in inventory accumulation. There was also a drop in government real current expenditure.

The decline in real GNP in the fourth quarter followed two quarters of weak growth and left the economy operating at virtually the same level of output as in the first three months of the year. The recovery from the recession of 1974-75 received a substantial boost in the first quarter of 1976 from massive inventory accumulation and real output expanded by 3.1% in that quarter. The rate of stock building was not sustained, however, and the real growth rate slowed to a modest 0.4% in the second quarter. The slowdown in inventory accumulation during the second quarter almost balanced large increases in exports and personal expenditure. Both of these major expenditure aggregates continued to grow at relatively healthy rates in the third quarter but a large decline in gross fixed capital formation resulted in the persistence of sluggish growth for the economy as a whole since the first quarter of 1975.

The net result of these quarterly movements was that real GNP in 1976 was 4.6% higher than in the previous year. In current dollar terms, GNP reached a level of \$184.5 billion, up 14.5% from 1975.

The increase in real GNP in 1976 was largely the result of strong growth in personal expenditure and, as a result, it grew to 63.7% of total expenditure compared to 62.7% of total expenditure in 1975. A moderate volume of inventories was accumulated and the resulting swing of almost \$1 billion from 1975 added about 0.9 percentage points to the growth rate. There was also a large increase in export volume but imports increased by about the same amount so the balance of trade in goods and services did not contribute to the rise in real output. Gross fixed capital formation was up only slightly over 1975 and the small increase that did take place was due almost entirely to growth in residential construction in the first half of the year.

Personal expenditure on goods and services increased 13.7% in 1976 to a level of \$108.1 billion; in real terms, this represents an increase of 6.3% compared with 4.9% in the previous year. After a very strong year in 1975, growth in personal expenditure on durable goods slowed to 5.7%. Much of the deceleration can be explained by slower growth in sales of new passenger vehicles, furniture and household appliances. Spending on non-durable goods increased 7.9%, as sales of food and energy all rose in volume, and expenditure on semi-durable goods was also strong, growing 8.6%. Spending on services increased 4.4% in real terms, about the same rate as 1975.

Real gross fixed capital formation grew only 0.8% in 1976. Government fixed investment fell 6.0% as a result of a substantial decline in non-residential construction, which is by far the largest component of government capital formation. Business gross fixed

capital formation increased 2.2% but this was almost entirely the result of a large increase in residential construction. Business non-residential construction fell 6.8% and investment in machinery and equipment rose a marginal 0.5%. It was the second consecutive year in which there was only a very small increase in fixed investment and its weak performance is partly responsible for the less-than-robust state of the recovery. The recent survey of intentions of private and public investment indicates a 10.4% growth in plant and equipment in 1977 but some of this may be due to projects that were postponed because of a record number of man-days lost in industrial disputes in the last half of the year.

About \$650 million dollars in inventories were accumulated in real terms in 1976, almost all in business non-farm stocks. This followed decumulation of over \$300 million in the previous year.

Exports of goods and services increased 9.5% in real terms after falling in the two previous years, which made it the strongest expenditure component in 1976. The impact of the strong export performance was offset by the fact that imports grew 8.1%, so that net exports measured in real terms actually declined during the year. This is not, however, an unusual occurrence during a recovery. The service component of imports, which includes items such as foreign debt servicing and travel abroad, grew at a higher rate than did the merchandise component. The balance of trade in goods and services, measured in current dollars, was in deficit by \$4.9 billion in 1976 compared with \$5.4 billion in 1975.

Total revenues of all levels of government combined (excluding intergovernment transfers) increased 14.0% in 1976, with large increases at all levels of government. Revenues from direct taxes from persons and indirect taxes accounted for most of this growth and generally reflected rate increases at the provincial and local levels of government.

Total government expenditure grew 13.6% compared with increases of 20.8% and 24.0% in 1975 and 1974, respectively. Spending on goods and services rose 14.2%, largely as a result of increases in wage and salary payments, which account for almost 60% of total government expenditure on goods and services. Transfer payments to persons increased 14.5% with the strongest growth at the provincial level. Federal transfers to persons rose 7.5%, the smallest increase in recent years. The deficit of the government sector as a whole, on a national accounts basis, rose slightly to \$4.3 billion.

Labour income grew 15.2% in 1976, about the same rate of increase as in 1975. Wages and salaries in goods-producing industries 11.7% while those in service-producing industries grew 15.8%.

Corporation profits before taxes were unchanged in 1976 after a slight decline in 1975. A smaller percentage of total profits, however, was accounted for by windfall inventory gains. Net income of non-farm unincorporated business increased 12.4%, with the largest increases in retail trade, construction and

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community and personal services. Accrued net income of farm operators was down 21.3% as the value of grain, livestock and other farm production declined while operating expenses continued to rise.

Personal income increased 13.9% in 1976 after a 15.9% rise in 1975. Most of this growth was accounted for by the increase in labour income but there was also a large increase in interest, dividends and miscellaneous investment income. Personal disposable income grew at a slightly lower rate, primarily as a result of an increase in personal income tax payments.

The rate of change of prices of domestically produced output slowed during the year, as the implicit GNP price index rose 9.4% after a 10.8% increase in 1975. The largest price increases occurred in government current expenditure, the implicit price index for which grew 13.4%, and in gross fixed capital formation, where prices increased 9.2%. The large rise in the government implicit price index was distorted by several large retro-active wage payments made during the year. The implicit price index for personal expenditure moderated to an increase of 7.0% after a 1975 rise of 10.3%; a relatively small increase in the price of goods was partially offset by a 9.6% increase in service prices.

Fourth Quarter

While most expenditure components declined in the fourth quarter, personal expenditure on goods and services continued to expand, increasing 1.6% in real terms. With the exception of services, there were fairly large increases in all the major personal expenditure subcomponents. The largest were in spending on semi-durable and non-durable goods, both of which grew 2.2%. Expenditure on durables was up 1.8%, largely as a result of higher spending on cars and automotive products. Service expenditure increased only 0.8%, due in part to a low level of net travel expenditure abroad.

Real gross fixed capital formation increased 2.3% after a very weak third quarter. Business investment in machinery and equipment was up 8.5% but this followed an extremely weak third quarter. The impact of the rise in machinery and equipment was also tempered by the fact that it appeared to be due mostly to imports of investment goods rather than to shipments from domestic producers. Business investment in non-residential construction fell 1.0% in the fourth quarter, the fourth consecutive decline. Investment in residential construction fell 1.3% following a vigorous but short-lived recovery from its depressed level in 1974 and early 1975.

The value of physical change in inventories fell to \$236 million in the fourth quarter after an accumulation of \$620 million last quarter. Most of the change took place in business non-farm inventories, where a fairly large increase in wholesale inventories was partially offset by reduction of retail and manufacturing stocks.

The deficit in the balance of trade in goods and services increased to \$5.9 billion (at annual rates) from \$2.7 billion last quarter. Most of the deterioration in the trade balance occurred in the merchandise component and was the result of a substantial drop in exports rather than a rise in imports. The largest declines were

in wheat, iron ore, woodpulp and motor vehicles. The worsening of the service account was due to a large increase in interest and dividend payments. In real terms, exports fell 5.6% while imports rose 1.4%.

Total revenue of all levels of government combined (excluding intergovernment transfers) increased marginally in the fourth quarter after an increase of 6.6% the previous quarter. An increase in revenues from personal direct taxes was offset by a decline in revenues from corporation direct taxes.

Total expenditure of all levels of government combined rose 3.5% during the quarter. Current outlays on goods and services increased 5.2%, partly as a result of retro-active wage payments, particularly at the local and hospital levels of government. Transfer payments to persons rose 4.2% with a large increase occurring in unemployment insurance benefits. Subsidy payments declined sharply.

The increased level of government expenditure combined with a virtually unchanged level of revenue resulted in the government deficit on a national accounts basis growing to \$5.1 billion.

Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income rose 4.1% in the fourth quarter, and this increase, together with the rise in government transfer payments, was responsible for personal income growing 3.0%. Personal disposable income increased 2.8% and since personal expenditure on goods and services in nominal terms grew at virtually the same rate the personal saving rate was unchanged from last quarter.

The rate of increase of the GNP implicit price index was 2.2%, after an increase of 1.1% in the third quarter. Much of the acceleration in prices was due to retro-active government wage payments, which resulted in the government current expenditure implicit price index rising 6.4% after a decline of 2.4% last quarter. The personal expenditure implicit price index increased at a very moderate rate of 1.2%, and the implicit price index for gross fixed capital formation slowed to a 1.6% rise from 2.0% last quarter.

Tobacco and Tobacco Products, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Stocks of unmanufactured tobacco (domestic and imported) held in December amounted to 241 million pounds — 109 316 t (metric tonnes) — compared to 209 million pounds — 94 801 t — held in December 1975.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Statistics* (32-014, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Import prices advanced in December, partly as a reflection of the decline in the relative value of the Canadian dollar. Export prices were also higher in spite of the exchange rate change.

Import volume increased slightly from November but the fourth quarter, at 149.5, was below the third quarter level of 152.8. Export volume in December recovered substantially from October and November but the fourth quarter, at 116.8, was still substantially below the third quarter level of 126.1. Both imports and exports in the fourth quarter were affected by strikes in the automotive industry.

For further information, order the January issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities

Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1975		
IV	155.8	177.0
1976		
I	157.9	178.0
II	158.1	176.8
III	158.6	178.6
IV	157.8	178.2
1976		
July	161.0	181.6
August	160.4	179.5
September	154.2	174.8
October	156.2	179.4
November	157.2	176.2
December	159.8	179.7

Volume Indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices

Seasonally Adjusted

(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1975		
IV	142.6	107.1
1976		
I	150.1	116.5
II	152.8	121.0
III	152.8	126.1
IV	149.5	116.8
1976		
July	149.8	119.7
August	152.9	126.9
September	155.7	131.8
October	140.0	112.3
November	152.8	114.4
December	155.7	123.8

The Dairy Review, January 1977 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,121,909,000 pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in December, 12.1% less than December 1975.

This brought the total estimate of production during 1976 to 16,946,399,000 pounds, down 0.7% from 1975.

For further information, order the January issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,843 short tons (3 486 t) or 8,221,938 square feet (763 843 m²) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in January compared to 4,210 short tons (3 819 t) or 9,394,571 square feet (872 784 m²) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin* (47-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

February 1976 — Advance Information.

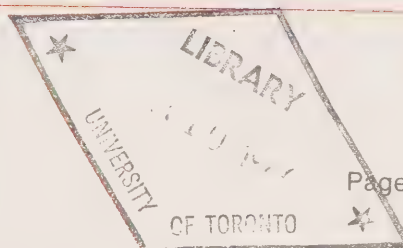
	Number stocks priced	Feb. 25/77 This week	Feb. 18/77 Week ago	Jan. 27/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.3	101.1	100.4
Industrials	85	101.2	101.0	100.3
Foods	9	83.6	84.6	84.5
Alcoholic beverages	5	79.1	79.8	75.5
Textiles and clothing	3	113.4	114.0	115.2
Pulp and paper	7	129.4	126.7	129.9
Printing and publishing	5	100.5	98.0	99.8
Primary metals	4	106.3	104.8	103.9
Industrial mines	6	92.9	92.6	94.2
Metal fabricating	9	179.4	179.1	183.5
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.1	84.5	84.5
Petroleum	8	100.1	101.6	95.1
Chemicals	5	108.3	107.6	106.6
Construction	5	224.3	219.6	212.9
Trade	15	78.8	78.8	80.3
Utilities and services	28	94.1	93.9	92.3
Transportation	6	123.3	123.6	120.8
Pipelines	5	80.7	80.8	80.2
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	105.4	104.5	101.5
Telephone	4	97.7	96.9	94.3
Electric power	3	124.5	123.5	119.5
Gas distribution	5	71.8	72.2	72.4
Finances	21	112.6	113.0	112.8
Banks	8	115.5	116.3	117.0
Investment and loan	9	106.8	106.4	104.1
Insurance	4	100.3	98.0	98.3
Mining Index	17	112.7	106.5	102.7
Gold	9	210.8	191.8	177.1
Base metals	8	65.7	65.6	67.1
Uranium	2	181.2	185.3	185.8
Primary oils and gas index	5	102.9	103.8	108.0

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Profile Studies, Education Attainment in Canada, 1971 Census of Canada (99-708, \$1)

Products Made from Canadian Clays, December 1976 (44-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

Corporation Taxation Statistics, 1974 — Advance Information.

Income taxes declared by corporations in Canada (excluding insurance carriers and credit unions) amounted to \$6,544 million for the 1974 taxation year compared with \$4,766 million for 1973. The rise of \$1,778 million or 37% in this year of decelerating economic growth was nevertheless well ahead of the 29% reported in 1973.

A 31% increase in corporation book profits before taxes was the main factor underlying the growth in taxable income — the tax base — which rose 41% to \$15,531 million in 1974. The faster growth of taxable income compared to book profits represented a departure from the usual relationship in which taxable income lags behind book profits. This change, which occurred despite higher claims by corporations of capital cost allowances, exploration and development expenses and depletion allowances than those recorded on the company books, reflected, in large part, the impact of changing tax legislation. In particular, 1973 marked the end of the tax-exempt status of income from new mines in the first three years of operation. In addition, in 1974 the federal budget introduced legislation which disallowed royalties paid by resource corporations to provincial governments as a deduction from income for tax purposes.

As a consequence of higher world prices for petroleum and metals and of changing tax legislation related to resource based companies, the \$1,165 million income taxes payable by corporations in the mining and petroleum industries were well over double those reported for 1973. In paper and allied industries, where exports to the United States were up substantially, income taxes of \$300 million were declared, an increase of more than 100% for the second year running. Income taxes payable by the chemical and chemical products industry rose 67% in line with soaring prices due to world shortages of chemical products in 1974. The only major decline in taxes payable occurred in the wood industries, down 46%, which came from sagging lumber exports to the U.S. housing market.

Notable increases in corporate taxable income were recorded for every province in 1974. By far the fastest growing were the Prairie provinces, with taxable income nearly doubling in Alberta and rising 78% in Saskatchewan and 45% in Manitoba. Sharply higher world commodity prices, particularly of oil, potash and cereal grains, led to buoyant corporation profits which, together with the effects of changing tax legislation, were the main factors underlying the increase in taxable income.

Taxable income allocated to Quebec grew marginally less than the national average rate to reach \$3,221 million, some 21% of the Canadian total. The paper and allied industries produced the largest gain in this province with taxable income more than tripling the previous year's level.

Paper and allied industries were also significant in the growth of taxable income in the Atlantic provinces, which rose 36% in 1974.

In Ontario, corporate taxable income rose 33% to \$6,433 million, about two-fifths of the Canadian total. Among industries recording the largest gains were

metal mining, petroleum and coal products and paper.

The slowest growth of taxable income occurred in British Columbia, up 19%, a rate considerably below the 52% increase of the previous year when it led all other provinces. This slowdown largely reflected adverse economic conditions in the wood industry in 1974.

Further details will be contained in the 1974 issue of *Corporation Taxation Statistics* (61-208, \$2.80). Additional information can be obtained on request from Mr. L.A. Bowen (613-996-5980), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing on CANSIM.

Capacity utilization rates are now available on the CANSIM data bank by quarters for the period 1961-1976 (fourth quarter). The rates cover Canadian manufacturing by major group according to the 1970 Standard Industrial Classification, with aggregates for durable, non-durable and total manufacturing. A description of the methodology used to derive the rates is given in the publication *Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing* (31-003, \$1.40/\$5.60).

For further information, contact Mr. S. Bernard (613-994-5601), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. To order any data from CANSIM on magnetic tape or computer printouts, contact Mrs. Gina Pilozi (613-995-7406), CANSIM staff, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in December to 422,031,000 feet board measure from 293,204,000 feet in December 1975. Stocks on hand at the end of December totalled 937,717,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order the December issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 15¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Salt, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 707,593 short tons in January from 665,541 short tons in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended February 21

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,065,073	2,201,187	4,266,260
Short tons, 1976r	2,223,105	1,919,916	4,143,021
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 873 403	1 996 883	3 870 286
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 016 767	1 741 718	3 758 485
% change	-7.1	14.7	3.0
Cars, 1977	36,824	33,127	69,951
Cars, 1976r	38,998	31,493	70,491
% change	-5.6	5.2	-0.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	158,518	51,126	209,644
Short tons, 1976r	120,517	52,701	173,218
Metric tonnes, 1977	143 805	46 381	190 186
Metric tonnes, 1976	109 331	47 810	157 141
% change	31.5	-3.0	21.0
Cars, 1977	4,867	2,307	7,174
Cars, 1976r	4,145	2,261	6,406
% change	17.4	2.0	12.0
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	15,222,371	14,541,426	29,763,797
Short tons, 1976r	14,776,161	13,636,902	28,413,063
Metric tonnes, 1977	13 809 503	13 191 760	27 001 263
Metric tonnes, 1976	13 404 708	12 371 189	25 775 897
% change	3.0	6.6	4.8
Cars, 1977	255,924	222,763	478,597
Cars, 1976r	254,259	216,700	470,959
% change	0.7	2.8	1.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	1,083,234	386,337	1,469,571
Short tons, 1976r	881,733	352,231	1,233,964
Metric tonnes, 1977	982 693	350 479	1 333 172
Metric tonnes, 1976	799 895	319 539	1 119 434
% change	22.9	9.7	19.1
Cars, 1977	32,532	16,724	49,256
Cars, 1976r	29,590	14,788	44,378
% change	9.9	13.1	11.0

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
r 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 21, 1977
 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Railways in Canada loaded 4.3 million short tons of revenue freight (3.9 million t) in the week, a modest gain of 3.0% over the 1976 week. Carrying east of the Lakehead declined 7.1% but those in the West were up 14.7%. The total number of cars loaded (69,951) declined 0.8%.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose sharply in the East (31.5%) but were off 3.0% in the West for a net national increase of 21.0%.

In the January 1 — February 21 period the volume of rail freight rose 4.8% over 1976 to 29.8 million short tons (27.0 million t). At the same time piggyback shipments were 19.1% above the 1976 level.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattey (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production decreased 1.9% to 36.9 million dozen in January from 37.6 million a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased 1.7% to 23.3 million from 23.7 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased 0.2% to 1,900 from 1,904. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 4.0% to 65.6¢ a dozen from 63.1¢.

For further information, order the January issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Television Receiving Sets, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of television sets in January were 25,458 colour sets and 2,528 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 29,114 and 3,365.

For further information, order the January issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Asbestos, January 1976 — Advance Information.

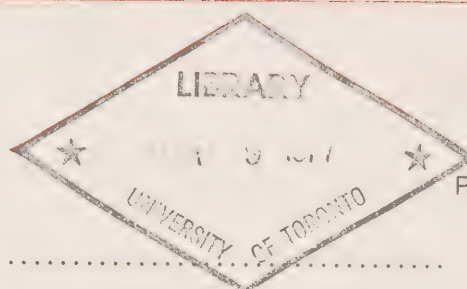
Producer shipments of asbestos decreased to 121,856 tons in January from 122,187 tons in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Minority Language

Information is now available on minority language education at the elementary-secondary level for the 1976-77 school year.

Requests should be forwarded to Mr. J. Seidle (613-995-9795), Elementary-Secondary Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Canadian Statistical Review, January 1977 (11-003E, 70¢/\$7)

Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, Fourth Quarter 1976 (71-002, 70¢/\$2.80)

Security Transactions with Non-Residents, November 1976 (67-002, 40¢/\$4)

Housing Starts and Completions, December 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4)

Cheques Cashed, December 1976 (61-001, 30¢/\$3)

Farm Input Price Index, Fourth Quarter 1976 (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40)

Specified Chemicals, December 1976 (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 9, No. 5, Civil Aviation, November 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Oil Filters and Cartridges, January 1977

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 19, Pack of Processed Mushrooms, 1976

Rates per 10,000 Population (June 1975 Estimates) for All Reporting Residential Special Care Facilities, 1975

Canada, Provinces Per 10,000 population	Number of facilities	Beds occupied	Maximum bed capacity	Vacant beds
Canada*	1.20	51.12	55.02	3.89
Newfoundland	1.14	42.27	45.22	2.95
Prince Edward Island	1.68	80.32	84.19	3.87
Nova Scotia	1.64	74.47	80.32	5.85
New Brunswick	1.99	60.91	66.75	5.84
Ontario	1.47	72.18	77.64	5.46
Manitoba	2.46	87.66	91.47	3.81
Saskatchewan	1.66	89.51	91.65	2.13
Alberta	1.12	54.17	57.28	3.11
British Columbia	2.25	68.11	76.40	8.30
Yukon	2.40	40.38	63.94	23.56
Northwest Territories	3.97	32.80	55.56	22.75

*Excludes Quebec.

Special Care Facilities, 1975 — Advance Information.

A survey of special care facilities, such as nursing homes and homes for the aged, was carried out for the second time in 1975 and results, except for Quebec, are now available. The survey covered characteristics of the residents and levels of care delivered.

Initial statistics are available on facilities caring for the following types of residents: aged, 1,195 facilities with 81,041 residents; physically handicapped, 160 facilities with 9,941 residents; blind, 17 facilities with 583 residents; deaf, two facilities with 365 residents; mentally handicapped, 706 facilities with 14,520 residents; emotionally disturbed children, 312 facilities with 3,475 residents; alcoholics and drug addicts, 67 facilities with 1,858 residents; delinquents, 99 facilities with 1,610 residents; unmarried mothers, 23 facilities with 379 residents; transients, 14 facilities with 705 residents.

The accompanying table shows data on the number of facilities, beds occupied, maximum bed capacity and vacant beds per 10,000 population.

Two publications, *List of Special Care Facilities* (83-211) and *Special Care Facilities — Residential Facilities and Services* (83-222), are to be published shortly with the full range of information from the survey. Price has not yet been determined.

The Health Division also has available statistics on the resident characteristics and movement, personnel, expenditures and revenues of residential special care facilities, the first time such institutions have been surveyed in this way. A total of 885 facilities reported to this survey out of a total population of 2,732. Quebec conducted a separate survey but provincial data could not be processed into the Statistics Canada file. This information will be published later in catalogue 83-222.

For further information, contact B. Spector (613-995-0991), Special Care Facilities Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 17.0 million short tons (15.4 million metric tonnes) in January, an increase of 3.4% over January 1976. Traffic received from the United States was up 1.9%.

January loadings of major forest products rose 42.3% collectively, a continued reflection of labour problems experienced by that industry in 1976. Container freight movements increased 27.5% and loadings of copper-nickel ores showed a 23.1% gain. Commodity carryings notably below 1976 levels were alumina (affected by a strike in January), phosphate rock, grains other than wheat and sulphur.

For further information, order the January issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers, 1975 Census of Manufactures — Advance Information.

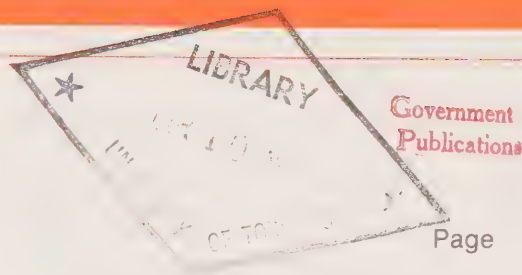
Manufacturers of asphalt roofing products shipped \$121.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 19.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 2.8% to \$53.4 million, the number of employees increased 2.5% to 1,438, and total salaries and wages increased 15.6% to \$17.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-996-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers, 1975* (36-205, 70¢).

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- Coal and Coke Statistics, November 1976** (45-002, 40¢/\$4)
- Farm Cash Receipts, December 1976** (21-001, 30¢/\$3)
- Construction Price Statistics, February 1977** (62-007, 40¢/\$4)

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

January 1977

		Year-to-date 1976	Year-to-date 1977	November	December	January
Carriers Reporting* **		19	19	18	18	19
Revenue Earned:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	\$	7,913,067	8,318,396	8,420,257	10,911,475	8,318,396
Urban-Suburban Services	\$	23,151	22,193	22,171	23,495	22,193
Other Services (e.g. charter)	\$	733,557	771,374	885,475	645,426	771,374
Fare Passengers Carried:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	No.	2,453,010	2,164,695	2,282,479	2,637,500	2,164,695
Urban-Suburban Services	No.	59,075	55,915	56,851	58,887	55,915
Other Services (e.g. charter)	No.	46,398	157,719	174,418	153,353	157,719
Vehicle Miles:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	miles	8,614,280	8,670,314	8,632,517	11,691,961	8,670,314
	km	13 863 339	13 953 517	13 892 689	18 816 387	13 953 517
Urban-Suburban Services	miles	34,757	32,851	33,234	33,457	32,851
	km	55 935	52 868	53 484	53 843	52 868
Other Services (e.g. charter)	miles	739,701	558,998	705,700	593,161	588,998
	km	1 190 433	899 620	1 135 714	954 600	899 620
Fuel Consumed:						
Diesel Oil	gal.	1,439,841	1,408,635	1,376,369	1,723,842	1,408,635
	litres	6 545 646	6 403 781	6 257 097	7 836 740	6 403 781
Gasoline	gals.	1,941	1,353	1,165	1,501	1,353
	litres	8 823	6 150	5 296	6 823	6 150

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.

** One carrier on strike.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural) January 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available. Figures have been added showing total distance run and fuel consumed, using the International System of Units. This is the most modern version of the metric system, supported by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. It is the system of units which Canada is adopting.

The following observations apply to the data in this release:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Total distance run in a revenue service includes distance run empty which was necessary to provide the revenue service.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit, January 1977 — Advance Information.

In January 38 urban transit systems collected 103,117,849 initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 29,905,481 miles (48 128 206 km) and their operating revenues amounted to \$34,843,790.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or order the January issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Refined Petroleum Products, 1975 — Advance Information.

In 1975 sales of kerosene and stove oil, light, heavy and diesel fuel oil, motor gasoline, lubricating oils and greases, aviation gasoline, turbo fuel and asphalt amounted to 548,228,000 barrels, a decrease of 0.8% from 552,456,000 barrels in 1974.

For further information, order the 1975 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-208, 70¢), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal and Coke Statistics, December 1976 — Advance Information.

December coal production increased 16.7% to 2,997,806 tons (2 719 564 metric tons) from 2,568,246 tons (2 329 874 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports decreased to 1,214,403 tons (1 101 688 metric tonnes) from 1,945,700 tons (1 765 109 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 2,648,335 tons (2 402 529 metric tonnes) of coal, up 546,010 tons (495 331 metric tonnes) and 485,919 tons (440 818 metric tonnes) of coke, up 6,588 tons (5 977 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the December issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Iron Ore, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian mines shipped 2,841,963 tons of iron ore in January compared to 1,891,567 tons in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of refrigerators in January were 32,765 compared to 32,161 in January 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 83,214 units, down from 87,832. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 16,524 from 34,297 (revised) and month-end stocks increased to 55,099 from 22,988 (revised).

For further information, order the January issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Raj Sedev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 27,283 units in January, up from 25,442 in January 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,242 units compared to 5,697. Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 26,060 units compared to 23,123. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 897 units compared to 736.

For further information, order the January issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 4,298,592 phonograph records in January, down from 4,699,468 in January 1976.

Production of pre-recorded tapes (8 track cartridges and cassettes only) decreased to 809,734 from 858,506.

For further information, order the January issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin* (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Special Care Facilities, 1975 — Correction.

In the table accompanying this article in the *Daily of Friday*, March 4, incorrect figures were given for the Canada totals. Correct figures are: number of facilities 1.64; beds occupied 75.5; maximum bed capacity 70.2; vacant beds 5.35.

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Stocks of Fruits and Vegetables, February 1, 1977 (32-010, 30¢/\$3)

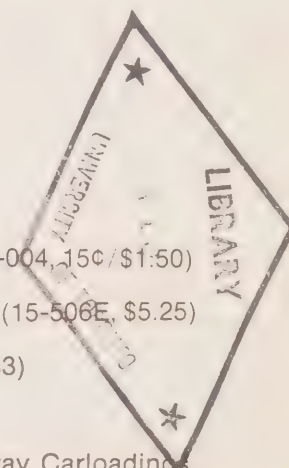
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Railway Transport (52-004, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 1, Railway Carloadings, January 1977

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 35, Retail Gasoline Statistics by Metropolitan Area, 3rd Quarter 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 5, No. 67, Shipments of Domestic Mobile Homes, December 1976

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 9: No. 6, Canada — U.S.A. Scheduled Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Second Quarter of 1975 and 1976; No. 7, Scheduled Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Third Quarter of 1975 and 1976



Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

January 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	% Change	
				Jan./77 Dec./76	Jan./77 Jan./76
Total Index	171.5	171.0	158.6	0.3	8.1
Materials	158.7	158.2	152.9	0.3	3.8
Steel and Metal Work	171.3	173.7	169.6	-1.4	1.0
Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	147.0	144.9	138.7	1.4	6.0
Electrical Equipment	145.4	145.4	145.7	—	-0.2
Concrete Products	177.9	174.6	164.7	1.9	8.0
Lumber and Lumber Products	165.7	167.5	158.8	-1.1	4.3
Other	156.8	155.5	149.4	0.8	5.0
Labour	185.6	185.2	165.0	0.2	12.5

For further information, order the January issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Union wage rate indexes, including selected pay supplements, are now available for January 1977.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, January 1977 — Advance Information.

New motor vehicles sold in January reached 93,760 units, up 33.5% from a year earlier. This included 59,590 passenger cars (up 42.3%) and 24,446 commercial vehicles (up 26.7%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 8,836 passenger cars (up 7.8%) and 888 commercial vehicles (up 0.2%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 42.3% to \$598.3 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$362.8 million (up 53.9%) and commercial vehicles for \$188.9 million (up 33.2%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 9.3% to \$42.2 million and those of commercial vehicles decreased 2.1% to \$4.2 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 231 units of coaches and buses valued at \$6.4 million.

Seasonally-adjusted January sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. increased 8.2% from December to 79,619 units and those of passenger cars from overseas increased 3.6% to 14,020 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up 2.9% to 30,786 units.

For further information, order the January issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$28,255,637 in January compared to \$24,432,933 in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, January 1977 — Advance Information.

In January, packers, dealers and tanners held 341,303 cattle hides, up from 279,067 a year earlier, and 87,226 calf and kip skins, down from 142,027. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 181,730 from 191,292 and wettings decreased to 160,052 from 212,913.

For further information, order the January issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 5, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 5 was 292,642 short tons (265 480 t), an increase of 0.6% from the preceding week's total of 290,957 short tons (263 952 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 266,559 tons (241 818 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 159.7 in the current week, 158.8 a week earlier and 145.5 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, January 1977 (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Motor Vehicle Shipments, January 1977 (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

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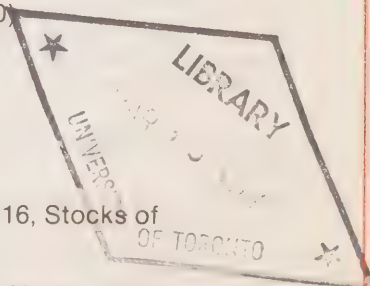
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Mineral Wool, January 1977 (44-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 16, Stocks of Unmanufactured Tobacco in Canada at December 31, 1976

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, 1976: No. 21, Pack of Processed Beets; No. 23, Pack of Processed Lima Beans; No. 25, Pack of Processed Broccoli



Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Index			Percentage Change	
		Jan.* 1977	Dec.* 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan./77 Dec./76	Jan./77 Jan./76
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	166.1	165.1	158.4	0.6	4.9
SIC Major Groups:						
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	177.5	175.3	173.2	1.3	2.5
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	144.8	143.5	137.6	0.9	5.2
4. Leather Industries	0.9	166.8	163.0	153.7	2.3	8.5
5. Textile Industries	3.5	146.1	145.1	139.6	0.7	4.7
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	128.4	127.3	122.6	0.9	4.7
8. Wood Industries	4.7	175.2	175.1	162.1	0.1	8.1
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	168.5	166.9	160.2	1.0	5.2
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	189.5	188.1	179.6	0.7	5.5
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	174.7	174.3	163.8	0.2	6.7
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	165.2	164.5	159.2	0.4	3.8
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	155.5	154.5	148.5	0.6	4.7
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	142.4	142.0	138.9	0.3	2.5
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	168.2	165.7	156.5	1.5	7.5
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	226.4	226.4	200.6	—	12.9
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	170.7	169.9	164.4	0.5	3.8
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	141.0	140.6	135.0	0.3	4.4

* These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index, January 1977 — Advance Information.

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 166.1 in January, up 0.6% from the revised December level of 165.1 and 4.9% higher than the January 1976 index of 158.4.

The latest rise was mainly due to increases of 1.3% in foods and beverages and 0.7% in paper and allied products. Within the food and beverage group, there were increases in the index levels for feeds (3.7%), miscellaneous food processors (2.7%), slaughtering and meat processors (0.8%) and confectionery manufacturers (7.2%). The rise in paper and allied products mostly reflected a 1% increase in the index for pulp and paper mills. There were no decreases in January at the major group level.

Industrial Chemicals, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers shipped 45,898,020 pounds (20 818 992 kg) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in January compared to a revised 49,117,099 pounds (22 279 141 kg) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Specified Chemicals* (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Fur Production, 1975-76 — Advance Information.

Value of pelts sold during the 1975-76 season was \$53,942,714, up 29% from the previous season. Wildlife pelts brought in \$34,167,853 or 63% of the total.

Fur Farm production accounted for \$19,774,861 in the 1975-76 season, up from \$16,591,658 the previous year.

For further information, order the 1975-76 issue of *Fur Production* (23-207, 70¢), or contact P. Beerstecher (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Refractories Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Refractories manufacturers shipped \$69.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 23.3% to \$45.8 million, the number of employees decreased 9.4% to 1,260 and total salaries and wages increased 15.8% to \$16.7 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Refractories Manufacturers, 1975* (44-214, 70¢).

Abrasives Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Abrasives manufacturers shipped \$101.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 3.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 4.6% to \$43.9 million, the number of employees decreased 13.6% to 2,318 and total salaries and wages decreased 2.3% to \$26.5 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Abrasives Manufacturers, 1975* (44-202, 70¢).

Stoves and Ranges, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in January increased 18.7% to 29,045 units from 24,466 units (revised) in January 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased 55.1% to 93,582 units from a revised 60,354.

For further information, order the January issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. Raj Sedev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

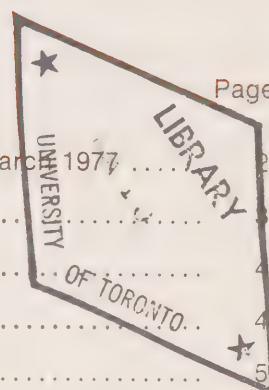
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Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for December are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Imports by Commodities* (65-007, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Consumer Price Movements, February 1977 (62-001, 30¢/\$3) — Available March 11, 1977 at 7 a.m.

Department Store Sales by Regions, January 1977 (63-004, \$1.50 per year)

Salt, January 1977 (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50)

Miscellaneous Food Preparations, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (32-018, 35¢/\$1.40)

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Restaurant Statistics, January 1977 (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Trades, Business Location Statistics and Ancillary Units, 1971 Census of Canada (97-746, 70¢)

Service Bulletins:

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Floor Tiles, January 1977

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, January 1977: No. 2, Builders and Shelf Hardware; No. 3, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools; No. 4, Domestic and Farm Water Systems

Electrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Electric Lamps, January 1977

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 27, Pack of Processed Brussels Sprouts 1976

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 9, No. 9, Aircraft Fleet, January 15, 1977

Weekly Security Price Indexes

March 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Mar. 4/77 This week	Feb. 25/77 Week ago	Feb. 4/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.9	101.3	101.1
Industrials	85	101.9	101.2	101.2
Foods	9	83.4	83.6	84.9
Alcoholic beverages	5	80.6	79.1	77.2
Textiles and clothing	3	113.1	113.4	114.7
Pulp and paper	7	131.9	129.4	128.7
Printing and publishing	5	101.0	100.5	99.5
Primary metals	4	106.6	106.3	104.3
Industrial mines	6	94.7	92.9	95.2
Metal fabricating	9	181.9	179.4	183.4
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.7	84.1	85.0
Petroleum	8	98.8	100.1	97.5
Chemicals	5	108.7	108.3	107.5
Construction	5	223.6	224.3	216.5
Trade	15	78.3	78.8	80.3
Utilities and services	28	94.7	94.1	93.2
Transportation	6	124.5	123.3	121.9
Pipelines	5	81.3	80.7	80.3
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	104.4	105.4	102.8
Telephone	4	98.0	97.7	95.9
Electric power	3	125.3	124.5	121.0
Gas distribution	5	72.9	71.8	73.2
Finances	21	112.9	112.6	112.5
Banks	8	115.4	115.5	116.0
Investment and loan	9	108.0	106.8	105.8
Insurance	4	102.3	100.3	97.5
Mining Index	17	114.8	112.7	103.6
Gold	9	214.1	210.8	178.4
Base metals	8	67.2	65.7	67.8
Uraniums	2	177.9	181.2	184.9
Primary oils and gas index	5	103.3	102.9	106.0

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Building Permits

December 1976 — Advance Information

	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
				(\$000)				
Newfoundland	22	89	111	3,373	67	1,061	53	4,554
Prince Edward Island	33	17	50	1,353	17	1,107	15	2,492
Nova Scotia	245	394	639	14,626	1,690	10,105	378	26,799
New Brunswick	41	63	104	2,600	335	2,380	1,992	7,307
Quebec	1,068	2,477	3,545	84,046	20,448	72,107	63,981	240,582
Ontario	1,616	2,305	3,921	117,831	31,513	58,436	26,048	233,828
Manitoba	165	319	484	13,100	154	2,726	2,260	18,240
Saskatchewan	217	414	631	15,919	2,121	7,361	4,210	29,611
Alberta	1,008	1,255	2,263	61,194	4,239	26,941	11,219	103,593
British Columbia	965	1,057	2,022	61,251	6,276	34,967	5,124	107,618
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	1	—	1	27	—	867	—	894
Canada — Unadjusted	5,381	8,390	13,771	375,320	66,860	218,058	115,280	775,518
Canada — Adjusted	9,835	10,170	20,005	560,543	85,064	197,325	127,184	893,558
Metropolitan Areas	3,089	6,325	9,414	255,024	40,541	179,601	98,545	573,711
Calgary	225	664	889	19,126	53	4,666	2,978	26,823
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	19	44	63	1,538	115	79	—	1,732
Edmonton	162	341	503	15,733	2,192	11,621	3,725	33,271
Halifax	96	372	468	11,015	1,013	9,379	119	21,526
Hamilton	74	195	269	7,231	5,363	1,507	1,043	15,144
Hull	39	155	194	5,691	—	707	51,541	57,939
Kitchener	44	393	437	10,751	415	10,744	130	22,040
London	172	40	212	5,886	1,073	12,944	26	19,929
Montréal	445	1,559	2,004	47,928	9,057	8,683	8,724	74,392
Ottawa	12	39	51	1,763	222	3,084	10,722	15,791
Québec	158	282	440	9,607	1,024	56,720	3,151	70,502
Regina	82	174	256	6,244	66	3,950	3,402	13,662
St. Catharines-Niagara	55	38	93	2,951	1,398	4,398	122	8,869
Saint-John	10	39	49	1,387	249	238	15	1,889
St. John's	10	82	92	2,777	—	818	—	3,595
Saskatoon	69	157	226	5,033	11	1,188	1	6,233
Sudbury	5	—	5	259	18	15	59	351
Thunder Bay	15	6	21	783	208	269	4	1,264
Toronto	713	799	1,512	50,108	15,367	17,033	8,447	90,955
Vancouver	428	447	875	27,242	1,788	27,046	2,861	58,937
Victoria	69	233	302	9,037	433	1,687	400	11,557
Windsor	61	—	61	1,979	377	516	227	3,099
Winnipeg	126	266	392	10,955	99	2,309	848	14,211

Preliminary figures.

For further information order *Building Permits, December 1976* (64-001, 70¢/\$7).**Building Permits, December 1976 — Advance Information.**

The seasonally-adjusted value of building permits issued during December decreased 13% to \$970 million from \$1,118 million in November. In December 1975 the total was \$1,025 million.

Residential permits, estimated at \$560 million, accounted for the December decrease while non-residential permits were virtually unchanged from the November total.

Permits issued for new single-detached homes remained high at a seasonally-adjusted level of 9,835 units in December but multiple dwellings decreased

19% to 10,170 units. In the non-residential sector, commercial projects were down for the second consecutive month but industrial and government-sponsored projects showed a slight increase over November.

The value of permits of all types issued during 1976 reached a total of \$12.2 billion compared to \$10.6 billion in 1975. This represents an increase of 15% in current dollars.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending February 28

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,428,291	2,199,727	4,628,018
Short tons, 1976	2,634,685	2,029,820	4,664,505
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 202 909	1 995 559	4 198 468
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 390 146	1 841 422	4 231 568
% change	-7.8	8.4	-0.8
Cars, 1977	42,565	32,930	75,495
Cars, 1976	46,646	31,611	78,257
% change	-8.7	4.2	-3.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	166,718	57,903	224,621
Short tons, 1976	147,419	52,135	199,554
Metric tonnes, 1977	151 244	52 529	203 773
Metric tonnes, 1976	133 736	47 296	181 032
% change	13.1	11.1	12.6
Cars, 1977	4,993	2,497	7,490
Cars, 1976	4,874	2,193	7,067
% change	2.4	13.9	6.0
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	17,650,662	16,741,153	34,391,815
Short tons, 1976	17,410,846	15,666,722	33,077,568
Metric tonnes, 1977	16 012 411	15 187 319	31 199 730
Metric tonnes, 1976	15 794 854	14 212 611	30 007 465
% change	1.4	6.9	4.0
Cars, 1977	298,489	255,603	554,092
Cars, 1976	300,905	248,311	549,216
% change	-0.8	2.9	0.9
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	1,249,952	444,240	1,694,192
Short tons, 1976	1,029,152	404,366	1,433,518
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 133 937	403 008	1 536 945
Metric tonnes, 1976	933 631	366 835	1 300 466
% change	21.5	9.9	18.2
Cars, 1977	37,525	19,221	56,746
Cars, 1976	34,464	16,981	51,445
% change	8.9	13.2	10.3

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 28, 1977

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Canadian rail freight loadings totalled 4.6 million short tons (4.2 million t) in the last week of February, a decline of 0.8% from the eight-day period of 1976. Freight originating east of the Lakehead fell 7.8%, while in the West an 8.4% gain was recorded. The total number of cars loaded was down 3.5% to 75,495 units.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 12.6%, an increase shared almost equally in Eastern and Western Canada.

In the first two months of 1977, rail carload traffic was 4.0% above the year-earlier level at 34.4 million short tons (31.2 million t). Piggyback shipments advanced 18.2%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1977

— Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January were valued at \$64.7 million, an increase of 12.0% over the January 1976 figure of \$57.7 million. Repair parts for the latest period had a value of \$14.1 million.

For further information, order the January issue of Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, December 1976
— Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped 199,723,000 sq. ft. of softwood plywood in December, up from 188,707,000 sq. ft. in December 1975.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to 31,737,000 sq. ft. surface measure for December, an increase of 67,000 sq. ft. from December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywood* (35-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sugar Sales, February 1977 — Advance Information.

For February Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 77 908 586 kilograms (171,759,058 lbs.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 68 384 618 kilograms (150,762,300 lbs.) and export sales totalled 9 523 968 kilograms (20,996,758 lbs.).

For further information, order the February issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Radio and Television Receiving Sets, January 1977 (43-004, 30¢/\$3)

Railway Freight Traffic, Third Quarter 1976 (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, December 1976 (32-004, 40¢/\$4)

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, February 1977 (32-012, 30¢/\$3)

Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure, 1974, (68-207, \$2.10)

Service Bulletins:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, 1976: No. 20, Pack of Processed Peas; No. 24, Pack of Processed Strawberries

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Chemicals (46-004, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 3, No. 9, Sulphuric Acid, Caustic Soda and Chlorine, 1975

Water Transport (54-003, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 2, Cargo Loaded and Unloaded in Coastwise Shipping by Vessels of Foreign Registries, October-December 1976 and 1975

Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components

(1971=100)

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Relative importance(1)	Indexes		% Change		% Contribution to total change	
		1977		February 1977 from		February 1977 from	
		Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1977
All items	100	155.4	154.0	145.6	0.9	6.7	100
Food	27	171.4	168.0	166.3	2.0	3.1	58
All items excluding food	73	149.7	149.0	138.4	0.5	8.2	42
Housing	33	156.9	155.9	143.3	0.6	9.5	21
Clothing	9	136.4	135.4	128.9	0.7	5.8	7
Transportation	15	150.4	150.1	139.0	0.2	8.2	3
Health and personal care	4	150.7	148.8	140.7	1.3	7.1	6
Recreation, education and reading	6	139.7	139.5	133.0	0.1	5.0	1
Tobacco and alcohol	6	139.2	138.3	128.5	0.6	8.3	4
Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar	—	0.64	0.65	0.69			
All-items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100		207.3					

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

Consumer Price Index, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.9% to 155.4% in February from 154.0 in January. Nearly three-fifths of this latest relatively-large increase was due to a 2.0% rise in the food index; this marked the second consecutive month in which this index has registered a sharp increase following a year of relative price stability. Higher prices for shelter and, to a lesser extent, for clothing also contributed notably to the all-items index rise in the latest month. While the food index increased 2.0%, the index for all items excluding food rose by 0.5%. Between February 1976 and February 1977, the total CPI advanced 6.7%.

The 2.0% increase in the food index, the largest since July 1975, was largely due to higher prices for fresh produce (vegetables in particular), for coffee, pork, bread and restaurant meals. The 2.4% increase in February in the index for food consumed at home resulted in the first year-over-year rise in the level of this index since mid-1976.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation as well as generally-higher clothing prices were largely responsible for the 0.5% rise in the index for all items excluding food. Other notable contributing factors to this advance included higher electricity rates in some municipalities, increa-

sed charges for barber and hairdressing services and higher beer prices in Ontario.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 1.1% in the latest month while that for services increased 0.6%. Between February 1976 and February 1977, the price level of services increased 10.4% while that for goods rose 4.6%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.8% from January to February. This included a 1.7% rise in the food index and a 0.6% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In February, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was 9.2%.

(see table on next page)

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*

	All-items		Food		All-items excluding food	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1973						
May	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7
June	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.5
July	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.5
August	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.6
September	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.6
October	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5
November	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6
December	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.8
1974						
January	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
February	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.7
March	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.8
April	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.9
May	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.6	1.2	1.3
June	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.2
July	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6
August	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7
October	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
November	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
December	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.8
1975						
January	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
February	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
March	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.9	0.8
April	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8
June	1.5	1.2	3.2	2.8	0.8	0.7
July	1.4	1.1	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
August	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8
September	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	0.8
October	0.9	1.1	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.1
November	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
December	0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.7
1976						
January	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
February	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.6
March	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.7
April	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.7	0.7
May	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.7
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.4
July	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.5	0.6	0.5
August	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	0.8	0.7
September	0.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	1.0	1.0
October	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9
November	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
1977						
January	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.7
February	0.9	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.5	0.6

* Due to roundings, slight variations (never exceeding 0.1) may exist between the percentage change figures shown here and those previously published on a 1961=100 time reference base.

Local Government Finance, Preliminary 1975 and Estimates 1976 — Advance Information.

A survey of budgets and other sources of financial information indicates that in 1976 local government revenue rose to \$15.8 billion, up 11.8% over 1975, while expenditures rose 12.0% and exceeded \$16.8 billion.

Pending publication of *Local Government Finance, Preliminary 1975 and Estimates 1976* (68-203, \$1.40), copies of the principal revenue and expenditure tables which will appear in this publication are available upon request from Mr. G.A. Marr (613-995-0713), Chief, Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, January 1977 — Advance Information.

January production of rubber decreased to 41,783,000 pounds (18 951 000 kg) from 42,730,000 pounds (19 382 000 kg) in January 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to 53,447,000 pounds (24 242 000 kg) from 47,257,000 pounds (21 436 000 kg) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Automobile Fabric Accessories Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The automobile fabric accessories industry shipped \$227 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 5% to \$100 million, the number of employees decreased 16% to 4,843 and total salaries and wages increased 6% to \$56.5 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Automobile Fabric Accessories Industry, 1975* (34-222, 70¢).

Airport Activity, 1976 — Advance Information.

Scheduled enplaned and deplaned passengers at Toronto International Airport increased 4.3% to 4,728,201 in the first six months of 1976 from 4,533,515 in the corresponding period of 1975.

Similar figures for Montreal Mirabel and Dorval airports combined show a decrease of 0.7% to 3,149,083 in the first six months of 1976 from 3,170,576 passengers in the corresponding period of 1975.

Monthly airport activity statistics for the top 50 airports in Canada are now available for the first six months of 1976. The airport tables, and further information can be obtained by calling Mr. W. Benoit (613-995-9897), Airport Activity Survey, Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0N9.

Telephone Statistics, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Thirteen major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$283.6 million in January, up 12.2% over January 1976. Operating expenses were \$198.5 million, an increase of 18.3%. Net operating revenue amounted to \$85.1 million in January, an increase of 0.2% over January 1976.

Telephone toll messages increased 9.8% to 76.4 million in the latest month.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, March 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at March 1 amounted to 80.9 million pounds compared with last year's total of 54.5 million pounds.

For further information, order the March issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C. M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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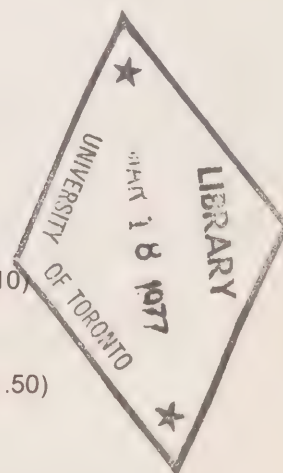
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Dairy Factory Production, January 1977 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)**Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs, January 1, 1977 (23-005, \$1.40 per year)****Service Bulletin:**

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, No. 5, Sanitaryware, January 1977

Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

	Jan. 1977*	Dec. 1976*	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	% Change	
					Jan./77 Dec./76	Jan./77 Jan./76
General wholesale index	533.0	526.5r	504.6	502.5	1.2	5.6
Vegetable products	467.2	450.5r	461.5	457.5	3.7	1.2
Animal products	542.4	542.6r	555.6	563.7	—	-2.4
Textile products	471.4	467.0r	426.8	423.0	0.9	10.4
Wood products	746.4	741.2r	663.9	652.3	0.7	12.4
Iron products	578.8	575.8r	543.4	548.1	0.5	6.5
Non-ferrous metals including gold	467.0	461.3r	422.6	416.7	1.2	10.5
Non-metallic minerals	451.2	444.8r	417.5	412.6	1.4	8.1
Chemical products	396.1	395.8r	388.5	388.3	0.1	2.0
Summary indexes						
Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold	623.2	617.7r	574.6	573.2	0.9	8.5
Raw and partly manufactured goods	491.6	481.8r	477.4	477.5	2.0	3.0
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	555.2	550.5r	518.3	516.4	0.9	7.1

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), January 1977 — Advance Information.

The general wholesale index increased 1.2% to 533.0 in January from the revised December 1976 index of 526.5. It was 5.6% higher than in January 1976. Increases were shown for seven of the major groups while one remained unchanged.

The vegetable products index increased 3.7% to 467.2 from the revised December level of 450.5 due to price increases for fresh vegetables (16.7%), tea, coffee and cocoa (14.1%), dried fruits (9.6%), sugar and its products (5.0%), vegetable oil products (4.9%) and livestock and poultry feeds (3.4%). Advances of 13.7% for tin, 4.9% for solder, 3.9% for lead and its products and 2.8% for nickel were mainly responsible for a 1.2% increase in the non-ferrous products index. The non-metallic minerals index moved 1.4% higher in January, reflecting increases for crushed stone (8.1%), plaster (6.4%), sand and gravel (5.2%) and lime (4.3%). Smaller increases were shown for textile products (0.9%), wood products (0.7%), iron products (0.5%) and chemical products (0.1%). The animal products index remained unchanged.

Retail Trade, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for January were \$5,202.8 million, an increase of 3.1% from the \$5,045.3 million recorded in December. Sales increased in 19 of the 28 trade groups. Family shoe stores (15.8%), household appliance stores (14.7%) and women's clothing stores (12.0%) showed the largest increases, while book and stationery stores (-12.3%) registered the largest decrease. Eight of the 10 provinces recorded increased sales from December, gains ranging from 7.6% for British Columbia to 0.9% for Ontario. The only declines were recorded in Manitoba (-0.5%) and Saskatchewan (-1.7%).

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4,243.0 million in January, an increase of 9.5% over January 1976. Sales were up in 23 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by florists (24.8%), motor vehicle dealers (24.2%) and garages (24.2%). All provinces recorded increased sales over January 1976, ranging from a high of 11.4% for Ontario to 2.0% for Newfoundland. Montreal sales rose 6.8%; Toronto 13.7%; Winnipeg 7.9%; Vancouver 9.7%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for December 1976 was \$6,296.5 million, up 9.2% from December 1975.

For further information, order the January issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section, (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary statistics for January show that 1.2 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 14.2% from January 1976. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.3 million, an increase of 4.5% over last year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. totalled 39,700, virtually unchanged from last year, while Canadian travellers returning from countries other than the U.S. rose 16.9% to 195,000.

For further information, order the January issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Farm Cash Receipts, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates indicate that in January farmers' total cash receipts from farming operation in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$1,202.9 million compared to \$1,744.6 million realized during January 1976. These estimates included: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January
(millions of dollars)

	1977	1976
Prince Edward Island	10.4	11.4
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.0
New Brunswick	10.0	10.6
Quebec	84.6	98.4
Ontario	206.3	210.5
Manitoba	102.4	153.2
Saskatchewan	519.6	849.0
Alberta	228.2	365.6
British Columbia	31.5	35.9
Canada	1,202.9	1,744.6

Mineral Production, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of minerals for January, with January 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 138,132 troy ounces (148,947).
- Silver, 3,131,433 troy ounces (3,422,343).
- Primary copper, 69,560 short tons (75,976).
- Primary nickel, 25,441 short tons (23,695).
- Refined lead, 17,903 short tons (19,370).
- Refined zinc, 53,374 short tons (42,042).

For further information, order the January issues of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50) and *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Hat and Cap Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The hat and cap industry shipped \$24.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 15% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 25.6% to \$16.5 million, the number of employees decreased 17% to 1,176 and total salaries and wages increased 8.3% to \$8.9 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-218, 70¢).

Footwear Statistics, January 1977 — Advance Information.

January production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,241,336 pairs from 3,309,449 in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oil Pipeline Transport, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2,813,000 B/D (447 231 m³/D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in December, up 0.6% from 2,797,000 B/D (444 688 m³/D) received in December 1975. Domestic petroleum and products increased 8.5% to 2,499,000 B/D (397 309 m³/D) while imported petroleum and products decreased 36.4% to 314,000 B/D (49 922 m³/D).

For further information, order the December issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Narrow Fabric Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Narrow fabric mills shipped \$50.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 7.3% to \$27.8 million, the number of employees decreased 4% to 2,248 and total salaries and wages increased 11% to \$16.8 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Textile Industries, 1975* (34-210, \$1.05).

Felt and Fibre Processing Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

The felt and fibre processing industry shipped \$23.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 4% to \$10.6 million, the number of employees increased 4% to 688 and total salaries and wages increased 4.5% to \$5.83 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Felt and Fibre Processing Mills, 1975* (34-219, 70¢).

Tobacco Products Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Tobacco products manufacturers shipped \$581.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 15.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 17.7% to \$341.8 million, the number of employees increased 1.7% to 8,357, and total salaries and wages increased 18.8% to \$106.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Tobacco Products Industries, 1975* (32-225, 70¢).

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Financial Flows

Advance information on the fourth quarter of 1976, for selected sectors, is now available from the Financial Flows Section.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

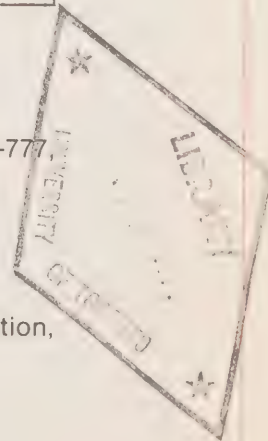
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Population: Current Fertility for Married Women, 1971 Census of Canada (92-777, \$2.80)

Department Store Sales and Stocks, December 1976 (63-002, 40¢/\$4)

Service Bulletin:

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 9, No. 8, Civil Aviation, Aircraft Operating Expenses, Year 1975 and First Six months 1976



Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Fourth Quarter 1976.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the deficit balance on current account expanded to \$1,363 million in the fourth quarter of 1976. This was more than double the deficit in the preceding quarter and slightly more than the previous record quarterly deficit, which occurred in the first quarter of 1976. A sizeable drop of 5.2% in merchandise exports during the fourth quarter and a marginal increase of 0.7% in merchandise imports combined to produce a reduction of more than \$0.5 billion in the balance on merchandise trade. This movement was reinforced by a jump of nearly \$250 million in the deficit on service transactions, mainly as a result of increased payments of interest and dividends. There was also a small decrease in the surplus on net transfers.

The seasonally-adjusted deficit on goods and services increased by over \$800 million in the fourth quarter to \$1,482 million. With similar small percentage increases occurring in the prices of exports and imports, in real terms the deficit on goods and services jumped by 40%. This substantial movement, reinforced by a deceleration in inventory accumulation and a drop in government real current expenditure, more than offset increases in both personal expenditure on goods and services and real gross fixed capital expenditure. As a result, Gross National Product at constant prices declined by 0.6% in the fourth quarter.

Total capital movements, unadjusted for seasonal variations, resulted in a net capital inflow of \$1,275 million in the fourth quarter of 1976, a turnaround of \$1,323 million from the net outflow of \$48 million in the previous quarter. With the capital inflow exceeding the current account deficit, Canada's official reserves rose by \$20 million.

Capital transactions in long-term forms provided a net inflow of \$1,146 million, about one third less than the net inflow in these forms in the preceding quarter. New issues of Canadian securities raised \$1,849 million. This was less than in each of the four preceding quarters but was still very high by comparison with earlier quarters. Other forms of portfolio investment produced a net outflow of \$261 million, which was double the net outflow in these forms in the third quarter. As in the previous quarter, purchases by Canada of existing foreign direct investments more than offset the net inflow for other direct investments in Canada during the quarter. Consequently, foreign direct investment in Canada registered a net outflow of \$160 million, which was over 40% less than the net outflow for this item in the third quarter. The net outflow for Canadian direct investment abroad in the fourth quarter of 1976 was estimated at \$215 million, almost twice what it was in the preceding quarter. Other capital movements in long-term forms combined to produce a net outflow of \$67 million. Loans and subscriptions by the Government of Canada of \$126 million and export credits of \$72 million at its direct or indirect risk more than offset miscellaneous transactions.

Capital movements in short-term forms produced a net inflow of \$129 million. This small net result was based on recorded net inflows in most short-term items and a very large balancing item, representing transactions not identified in the existing data collec-

tion systems. As presently estimated, the balancing item totalled about \$1.75 billion.

It is not surprising for the balancing item to become enlarged during a period when a marked change occurs in the Canadian dollar exchange rate, as was the case in the fourth quarter of 1976. But on this occasion the increase was particularly large. At such times there may be abnormal shifts in the types of transactions not covered in a precise and up-to-date manner by the various data sources used in compiling the balance of payments. Also, when a currency is under downward pressure, there is a tendency for short-term capital outflows to occur, e.g., in the form of advanced payments for imports of goods and services and delayed receipts for exports ("leads and lags").

During the fourth quarter there was a net inflow of over \$1 billion in the form of a decrease in net claims, mainly in foreign currency, of Canadian chartered banks on non-residents (including their foreign branches). This involved a swing of over \$2.5 billion from the outflow reflected by an increase in such claims in the third quarter. Trading in Canadian money market paper resulted in a net inflow of \$417 million, about 20% more than in the third quarter.

Annual Summary 1976

At \$4,329 million, Canada's current account deficit in 1976 was \$600 million less than in 1975. A swing of \$1,771 million in the balance on merchandise trade to a surplus of \$1,132 million in 1976 was the main positive contribution to the reduced current account deficit. As export prices increased faster than import prices, in real terms the deficit on goods and services rose by 2.6% in 1976 and had a negative effect on Real Gross National Product. However, mainly as a result of increased personal expenditures on goods and services, Gross National Product at constant prices grew by 4.6% in 1976.

The seasonally-adjusted balance on international transactions in goods and services was a record deficit of \$1,456 million in the first quarter of 1976. In the second quarter the deficit balance contracted by about \$200 million and it dropped by a further 50% in the third quarter. However, in the fourth quarter the balance on goods and services reached a new record deficit of \$1,482 million. With the exception of the first quarter, these deficits were attributable solely to the balance on service transactions which, compared with 1975, increased by \$1,270 million to an unprecedented \$6 billion in 1976. Almost half of the increase came from a sharp rise in net payments of interest and dividends, caused largely by servicing of new capital inflows in debt form. Net payments on international travel jumped by nearly \$0.5 billion for the second year in succession, mainly as a result of increased payments by Canadians travelling abroad, particularly to the United States.

The balance on merchandise trade, which showed a deficit in 1975 for the first time since 1960, reverted to a surplus in 1976. At \$1,132 million this surplus was about half the size of the average annual surplus on merchandise trade during the years 1970 through 1974. The value of exports of merchandise grew by

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14%, with an important factor being the relatively-stronger economic recovery in the United States and Japan. In dollar terms merchandise imports rose by less than 9% as the Canadian economy proceeded through the early stages of a relatively-slower recovery from a shallower recession.

With merchandise export prices rising by less than 2% and import prices by less than 1%, the volume of exports expanded by 12% and imports, in real terms, rose by 8%. As calculated, Canada's terms of trade improved slightly in 1976 compared with 1975.

Capital movements during 1976 produced a massive net inflow of \$4.9 billion, nearly \$300 million more than the previous record inflow which was received in 1975. The net inflow of \$7.5 billion in long-term forms was based on new issues of Canadian securities which brought in \$8.9 billion in 1976. This was over \$3.5 billion more than in 1975. These issues were fairly well spread throughout the year with some concentration in the first quarter. During 1976, as Canadian interest rates were substantially above those available abroad, foreign borrowing was attractive to Canadian residents. Increased emphasis was placed on the Euro-bond market by Canadian borrowers.

The jump in the net inflow from new issues of Canadian securities was partially offset by a swing of over \$1 billion in foreign direct investment in Canada from a net inflow of over \$600 million in 1975 to a net outflow of about \$400 million in 1976. This unusual occurrence was brought about by the purchase during the year by Canada of some very large existing foreign direct investments in Canada. Trading in Canadian securities produced a net inflow about \$200 million greater than in 1975. There was a reduction of over \$100 million in export credits at the direct or indirect risk of the Government of Canada and miscellaneous capital transactions in long-term forms resulted in a net inflow \$300 million more than in 1975.

Capital movements in short-term forms produced a net outflow of \$2.7 billion during 1976, a swing of over \$3 billion from the net inflow recorded in 1975. There was a shift of \$1.8 billion as Canadian chartered banks moved from a net decrease in 1975 in their net claims on non-residents (including their foreign branches) to a net increase (outflow) of nearly \$800 million in 1976. This was partially offset by an increase of about \$750 million in the inflow resulting from trading in Canadian money market paper. However, the most substantial movement affecting the short-term balance was in other short-term capital transactions, where an increase of \$2.2 billion in the outflow in 1976 rested mainly on the balancing item. This represented unidentified transactions in the current and capital accounts which, on present estimates, accounted for an outflow of about \$2.75 billion. The greater part of this balancing item relates to the fourth quarter when a long-anticipated but abrupt downward movement in the Canadian dollar exchange rate may have been associated with "leads and lags" in payments and with other abnormal shifts in the types of transactions not covered in a precise and up-to-date manner by the various data sources used in compiling the balance of payments.

During 1976 the performance of the Canadian economy differed from that of its major trading partners. In particular, Canada experienced a lower

rate of growth in Real Gross National Product. Canada achieved a significant reduction in the rate of increase in prices but they continued in 1976 to rise somewhat faster than in the United States. Wage settlements and labour costs per unit of output also rose more strongly in Canada than in the United States. While these movements might have a significant long-run impact on Canada's trading position, in 1976 they were offset by the upsurge in demand from expanding foreign markets.

The impacts of higher energy prices and relative scarcities of particular forms of energy continued to work their way through the economy. But the future course of energy price increases became somewhat confused when in December 1976, OPEC members did not agree on the size of a proposed increase in crude petroleum prices, and a two-tiered price system subsequently came into operation. During 1976 Canada adhered to its programme of progressive reductions in exports of crude petroleum which are to be phased out by the end of 1983.

The investment climate in Canada remained weak. Corporation profits did not increase in 1976. In real terms business non-residential construction fell 6.8% and investment in machinery and equipment rose by only 0.5%.

Major features of the Canadian authorities' efforts to subdue inflation during 1976 included a reduction in the rate of increase in government expenditure and a monetary policy which led to a significant decrease in the rate of growth in narrowly-defined money supply. Simultaneously, interest rates remained at relatively-high levels above United States rates and very large borrowings were made by Canadians in foreign markets, including the Eurobond market. The conversion of these borrowings to Canadian currency kept the Canadian dollar at relatively-high rates compared with the United States dollar for most of the year. Some uncertainty developed in financial markets late in 1976. The exchange rate for the Canadian dollar subsequently shifted downward but recovered to some extent in the latter part of December.

Major disturbances occurred during the year in the exchange rates for various other currencies. Currencies under downward pressure at various times included those of Britain, Italy, Mexico, France and Australia. The German and Swiss currencies were amongst the strongest throughout the year.

Preliminary estimates produced on the basis of available data indicate that Canada's balance of international indebtedness reached a book value of about \$48.5 billion by the end of 1976. Long-term foreign investment at \$80 billion had increased by about \$12 billion reflecting predominantly an inflow of long-term portfolio capital and an increase in earnings accruing to non-residents. Other long-term liabilities including non-resident equity in Canada's assets abroad brought the total of long-term liabilities to over \$84 billion. Various short-term claims on Canadians increased the total of Canada's external liabilities to about \$96 billion.

Canadian long-term investment abroad increased by some \$2.5 billion to over \$23.5 billion at the end of (continued on next page)

1976. The major elements in this increase were outflows of long-term direct investment capital, re-invested earnings accruing to Canadians from their investments abroad, export credits and loans and subscriptions of the Government of Canada to foreign countries and international investment agencies. Short-term claims on non-residents including net official monetary assets brought the total of Canada's external assets to about \$47.5 billion.

Commercial Failures, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary figures show that the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts was 720 in the fourth quarter of 1976, up from 466 in the October-December period of 1975. Estimated total liabilities of bankrupt firms rose to \$105,531,205 in the latest period from \$74,814,435.

For further information, order the Fourth Quarter 1976 issue of *Commercial Failures* (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80).

Breweries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Breweries shipped \$693.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 12.4% to \$476.2 million, the number of employees increased 2.0% to 11,652 and total salaries and wages increased 20.4% to \$172.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Breweries, 1975* (32-205, 70¢).

Biscuit Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Biscuit manufacturers shipped \$271.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 16.1% to \$141.9 million, the number of employees decreased 3.6% to 7,712 and total salaries and wages increased 17.9% to \$74.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Biscuit Manufacturers, 1975* (32-202, 70¢).

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for the month of January is now available.

For further information, order the January issue of *Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables* (32-011, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 12, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 12 was 298,203 short tons (270 525 t), an increase of 1.9% from the preceding week's total of 292,642 short tons (265 480 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 162.8 in the current week, 159.7 a week earlier and 154.6 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1977 (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50)

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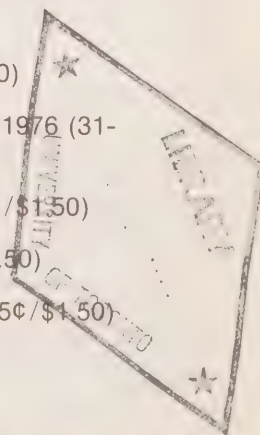
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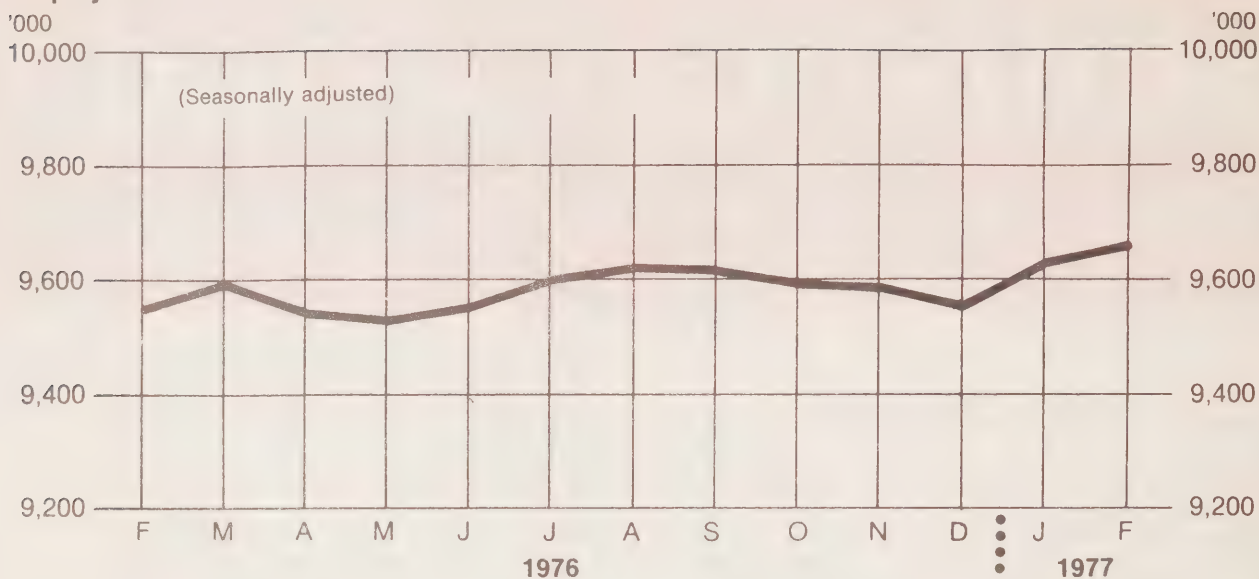
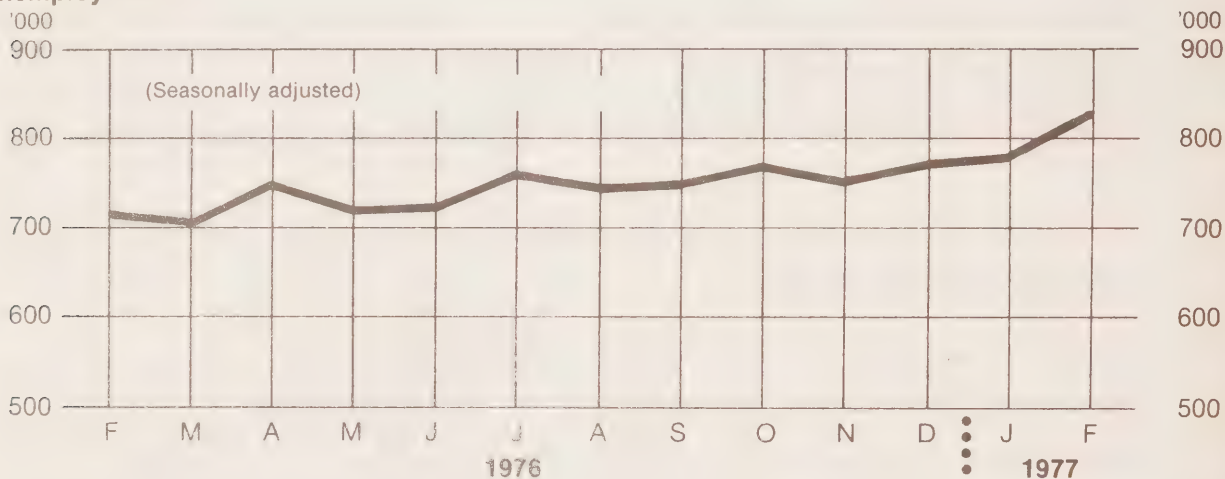
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Service Bulletins:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 26, Pack of Processed Tomato Pulp, Paste and Puree, 1976

Electrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 2, Domestic Water Tank Heaters, January 1977



Employment**Unemployment****The Labour Force, February 1977.**

Employment and unemployment, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, both showed increases in February, but Canada's unemployment rate rose to 7.9% from 7.5% in January. The rate in February 1976 was 7.0%.

The adjusted employment level was estimated at 9,656,000 in February, up 25,000 from January. The unemployment level was estimated at 829,000, up 49,000 from January.

The increase in employment was entirely concentrated among women 25 years of age and over. The levels for men and women 15-24 decreased by 10,000 and 5,000, respectively.

The adjusted unemployment level for men 25 and over increased by 15,000 in February. For men and women 15-24, the levels rose by 11,000 and 21,000, respectively.

Seasonally-adjusted February unemployment rates for the provinces, with January rates in brackets: Newfoundland 15.1% (13.6%); Prince Edward Island 9.0% (8.5%); Nova Scotia 11.0% (9.9%); New Bruns-

wick 13.0% (13.2%); Quebec 9.7% (9.0%); Ontario 6.8% (6.2%); Manitoba 6.0% (5.1%); Saskatchewan 3.7% (3.9%); Alberta 4.0% (4.3%); and British Columbia 8.2% (8.8%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the February labour force was 10,222,000 with 9,290,000 employed and 932,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 9.1%. In January, the labour force was 10,144,000 with 9,255,000 employed and 889,000 unemployed for a rate of 8.8%. In February 1976, the labour force was 9,978,000 with 9,178,000 employed and 800,000 unemployed for a rate of 8.0%.

For further information, order the February issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Financial Institutions

Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

	4th Quarter 1976	Change From Same Period a Year Earlier		Amount Change from 3rd Quarter 1976
	\$'000	Amount \$'000	%	\$'000
Trust Companies				
Mortgages	13,169,743	2,113,969	20.1	574,648
Total Assets	18,334,597	3,092,488	21.2	959,928
Demand Deposits	3,155,476	255,303	9.1	96,507
Term Deposits	13,402,563	2,433,300	23.2	704,113
Mortgage Companies				
Mortgages	7,547,888	1,213,434	18.5	233,334
Total Assets	9,332,325	1,566,536	19.5	334,439
Demand Deposits	804,362	80,033	10.4	31,084
Term Deposits	5,525,045	906,760	18.2	225,230
Mortgage Investment Trust Corp's.				
Mortgages	708,109	90,399	14.7	11,598
Total Assets	1,267,482	209,480	19.9	35,627
Sales Finance and Consumer Loan Companies				
Retail Financing				
Industrial and Commercial	2,250,010	183,864	8.9	51,371
Consumer Business	2,311,725	99,629	4.4	148,833
Wholesale Financing	1,797,923	125,654	7.5	82,287
Small Loans Act	235,025	-18,260	-7.2	8,059
Other Personal Loans	1,537,339	-6,713	-0.4	-25,954
Total Assets	11,140,549	756,241	7.3	398,610
Mutual Funds (Cost)				
Canadian Preferred Shares	106,176	-19,701	-15.3	-5,870
Canadian Common Shares	1,062,714	-112,003	-9.9	-32,131
Foreign Pref. and Common Shares	459,629	-71,046	-14.4	-4,430
Total Assets	2,761,671	-127,760	-4.6	-28,765
Total Portfolio — Cost	2,671,621	-137,519	-5.0	-33,431
— Market	2,783,570	97,654	3.6	1,037
Fire and Casualty Ins. Co's.				
Net Premiums	1,029,105	166,369	19.3	39,440
Underwriting Gain	-83,883	-30,823	...	-157,086
Total Assets	6,679,069	1,080,359	19.4	303,222
Closed-End Funds (Cost)				
Canadian Common Shares	349,020	10,440	3.2	1,634
Total Portfolio — Cost	492,174	20,405	2.8	-574
— Market	681,915	24,643	3.7	-61,490
Finance Leasing Corp.				
Lease Contracts	717,410	95,988	17.2	33,905
Total Assets	1,055,243	204,136	25.3	73,241

Further information will be contained in the Statistics Canada publication *Financial Institutions*, Fourth Quarter 1976 (61-006, \$1.40/\$5.60).

Refined Petroleum Products, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 58,263,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in January, an increase of 7.4% compared to the latest available data for January 1976.

Preliminary data shows net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 55,553,000 barrels, an increase of 0.4% over January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oils and Fats — Manufacturers' Sales

January 1977 — Advance Information

	Margarine		Shortening*		Salad Oil	
	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Retail Sales:						
1977	20,122	9 127	4,703	2 133	7,076	3 210
1976	23,015	10 439	4,134	1 875	6,225	2 869
Commercial Sales:						
1977	1,865	846	9,333	4 234	1,333	605
1976	880	399	11,644	5 281	1,202	545
Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers:						
1977	14,244	6 461	1,500	680	4,624	2 098
1976	11,765	5 337	2,653	1 204	6,456	2 928
Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers:						
1977	—	—	11,776	5 342	2,128	965
1976	—	—	13,228	6 000	4,544	2 061

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the January issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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New Market Research Handbook

Market Research Handbook, 1976 (Catalogue 63-244, \$7.50 in Canada, \$9 abroad), an annual edition collecting key data from numerous Statistics Canada surveys into one volume of special use to businessmen, marketers and other decision-makers, is now available.

The publication is 537 pages, 181 pages longer than the previous edition. One hundred and eighty tables set out in great detail information on industrial output, imports and exports, price indexes, merchandising and services, population characteristics, personal income and expenditure, housing, vehicle ownership, household facilities and equipment and detailed statistical information for metropolitan areas and census agglomerations. The tables present information over a span of years in order to identify trends and are backed up by extensive notes as well as references to other Statistics Canada publications.

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Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for January are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Labour Force Information, Week Ended February 19, 1977 (71-001P, N/C)

Exports by Countries, January-December 1976 (65-003, \$2.10/\$8.40)

Retail Trade, Business Location Statistics, 1971 Census of Canada (97-705, \$1.40)

Gas Utilities, October 1976 (55-002, 30¢/\$3)

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, February 1977 (32-009, 30¢/\$3)

Shipping Statistics, November 1976 (54-002, 30¢/\$3)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, November 1976 (26-006, 30¢/\$3)

Fisheries Statistics of Canada, 1975 (24-201, 70¢)

Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (35-006, 35¢/\$1.40)

Breweries, January 1977 (32-019, 15¢/\$1.50)

Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, January 1977 (32-021, 15¢/\$1.50)

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, January 1977 (43-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Specified Chemicals, January 1977 (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Factory Sales of Electrical Storage Batteries, January 1977 (43-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

Iron Ore, January 1977 (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

Urban Transit, January 1977 (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes (47-004, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, January 1977

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, 1976: No. 22, Pack of Processed Corn; No. 28, Pack of Canned Tomatoes and Tomato Juice; No. 29, Pack of Processed Cherries

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 4, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, September 1976

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 9, No. 10, Preliminary International Air Charter Statistics, September 1976

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, Three Months Ended February 28, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended February 28 show a decrease in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended November 30, 1976. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs declined to 37,300 from 47,200, a decrease of 21%. The number of vacancies was 17% lower than in the comparable period a year ago.

Vacancies for full-time jobs decreased to 33,000 from 41,800, a 21% drop from the preceding period. Longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) declined 23% to 12,000.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest three-month period, four were vacant, a decrease of two from the preceding period. The comparable rate a year ago was five vacancies per 1,000 jobs.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (nine per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (six per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate, two per 1,000, occurred in Nova Scotia.

Compared with the preceding period, decreases in vacancy rates were observed in all provinces except Newfoundland, where no change occurred. The largest decreases were noted in Alberta, down to nine from 14, and Saskatchewan, down to six from nine.

In a year-to-year comparison, all provinces except one showed decreases in vacancy rates. The largest decreases were noted in New Brunswick, down to three from six, Saskatchewan, down to six from nine, and Alberta down to nine from 12 per 1,000. Newfoundland remained unchanged at four vacancies per 1,000 jobs.

Vacancy Rates for Part- and Full-time Jobs Canada, Regions and Provinces

	Three-month Periods Ending		
	Feb. 1977 ^p	Nov. 1976	Feb. 1976
	Rates per thousand existing jobs		
Canada	4	6	5
Atlantic Region	3	4	5
Newfoundland	4	4	4
Nova Scotia	2	3	4
New Brunswick	3	5	6
Quebec Region	4	5	6
Ontario Region	4	5	4
Prairie Region	7	11	10
Manitoba	4	6	6
Saskatchewan	6	9	9
Alberta	9	14	12
Pacific Region	3	4	4

^p Preliminary estimates.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Provincial Government Employment, October-December 1976 — Advance Information.

The general government services in Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) reported gross payrolls for the fourth quarter of 1976 of \$1,194.0 million, an increase of 8.6% over the \$1,096.1 million reported for the previous quarter. The increase resulted from an additional pay period occurring during the period for employees paid on a bi-weekly basis, along with retroactive payments of salary and wage increases.

The number of employees reported for the last pay period in December was 336,461, a decrease of 3.7% from the 349,063 reported for the same pay period in September 1976.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Provincial Government Employment* (72-007, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact Mr. T.D. Harris (613-995-0676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Consumer Credit, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$21,731 million at the end of January, 16.3% more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of January 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$16,243 million, up 22.5%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: \$72 million, up 24.1%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,216 million, up 5.7%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$230 million, down 6.9%; large \$1,437 million, down 3.8%; instalment sales paper \$1,137 million, up 0.6%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,396 million, up 3.4%.
- Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$5,760 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976, up 14.0% from a year earlier. The largest such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported preliminary balances outstanding of \$3,820 million, up 17.8%. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issues; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies.)
- Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of 1976 totalled \$27,611 million, up 16.2% from December 31, 1975.

For further information, order the January issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

March 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Mar. 11/77 This week	Mar. 4/77 Week ago	Feb. 11/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	102.1	101.9	100.7
Industrials	85	102.2	101.9	100.6
Foods	9	83.5	83.4	85.3
Alcoholic beverages	5	79.7	80.6	79.1
Textiles and clothing	3	114.7	113.1	114.8
Pulp and paper	7	134.0	131.9	126.0
Printing and publishing	5	101.5	101.0	97.1
Primary metals	4	106.1	106.6	103.5
Industrial mines	6	95.8	94.7	92.6
Metal fabricating	9	180.4	181.9	180.5
Non-metallic minerals	4	86.9	84.7	85.2
Petroleum	8	98.6	98.8	100.6
Chemicals	5	109.3	108.7	107.0
Construction	5	223.6	223.6	217.4
Trade	15	78.4	78.3	79.4
Utilities and services	28	94.6	94.7	93.2
Transportation	6	124.8	124.5	121.6
Pipelines	5	82.3	81.3	80.4
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	102.3	104.4	104.4
Telephone	4	96.9	98.0	96.0
Electric power	3	122.9	125.3	120.9
Gas distribution	5	73.2	72.9	72.6
Finances	21	112.6	112.9	112.8
Banks	8	115.1	115.4	116.1
Investment and loan	9	107.1	108.0	106.4
Insurance	4	104.2	102.3	97.0
Mining Index	17	115.1	114.8	105.2
Gold	9	212.8	214.1	186.3
Base metals	8	68.2	67.2	66.3
Uraniums	2	181.8	177.9	186.0
Primary oils and gas index	5	102.3	103.3	105.7

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Typewriter Supplies, 1975 — Advance Information.

The typewriter supplies manufacturing industry shipped \$25.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 15.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 23.0% to \$8.1 million, the number of employees decreased 4.6% to 842 and total salaries and wages decreased 6.1% to \$5.5 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975* (47-205, \$1.05).

Button, Buckle and Fastener Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

The button, buckle and fastener manufacturing industry shipped \$43.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 3.9% to \$24.5 million, the number of employees decreased 7.1% to 1,890 and total salaries and wages increased 7.2% to \$15.8 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries

Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975* (47-205, \$1.05).

Stamps and Stencils (Rubber and Metal), 1975 — Advance Information.

The stamps and stencils (rubber and metal) manufacturing industry shipped \$27.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 0.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 6.0% to \$14.7 million, the number of employees increased 7.8% to 1,655 and total salaries and wages increased 8.5% to \$11.3 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975* (47-205, \$1.05).

Fur Dressing and Dyeing, 1975 — Advance Information.

The fur dressing and dyeing industry shipped \$16.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 30.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 30.7% to \$11.7 million, the number of employees increased 51.8% to 1,491 and total salaries and wages increased 51.9% to \$9.1 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975* (47-205, \$1.05).

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for February was 1,159,880 short tons (1 052 225 t). Preliminary pig iron production for February was 889,387 short tons (806 838 t).

For further information, order the February issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

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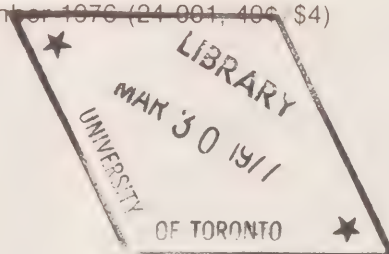
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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, February 1977.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time-period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPI's show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately: for reference see footnote to tables.

From January to February, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from 0.4% in St. John's, Nfld. to 1.4% in Thunder Bay. Rising food prices — notably for fresh fruit and vegetables, coffee, and selected meat items as well as restaurant meals — contributed substantially to these changes. Other important contributions also came from higher housing charges, and, to a lesser extent, from price advances for new cars, personal care services, alcoholic beverages and selected clothing items.

St. John's

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.4%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.3%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce and restaurant meals; increased shelter charges and higher electricity rates. New car prices and automobile insurance rates also up.

Halifax

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 5.7%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef cuts and coffee; higher charges for both owned and rented accommodation and increased prices for new automobiles.

Saint John

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.4%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for fresh produce, meat and coffee; higher prices for new cars and increased homeownership charges.

Quebec City

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.5%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and restaurant meals; higher clothing prices and increased charges for barber and hairdressing services. Shelter costs also up.

Montreal

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.0%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, coffee and soft drinks consumed at home; increased clothing prices and higher housing charges. Prices also up for barber and hairdressing services.

Ottawa

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.2%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.0%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and shelter charges; higher prices for fresh produce, meat, coffee and restaurant meals. Prices for beer and hairdressing services also up.

Toronto

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.9%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.4%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for fresh produce, pork, bread, coffee and restaurant meals; increased shelter charges and higher beer prices. Charges for barber services also up.

Thunder Bay

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.4%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 5.9%.

Main contributors: increased prices for electricity and domestic gas, as well as higher shelter charges; higher prices for fresh vegetables and pork. Price increases for new cars, beer and hairdressing services also reported.

Winnipeg

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.6%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and pork cuts; increased housing charges and higher prices for selected clothing items and for new cars.

Saskatoon

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.8%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.8%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, bread, coffee, eggs and restaurant meals; higher shelter charges and increased new car prices. Prices also up for barber and hairdressing services and alcoholic beverages consumed in licensed premises.

Regina

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.9%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 8.7%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef cuts, fresh vegetables, soft drinks and coffee; increased shelter charges and higher prices for new cars. Prices also up for barber and hairdressing services.

Edmonton

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.2%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.9%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges, notably for rented accommodation and increased water rates; higher prices for fresh produce, bread, alcoholic beverages and new cars.

Calgary

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.7%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.2%.

Main contributors: higher shelter charges and increased water rates; higher prices for fresh produce, coffee and alcoholic beverages. Increased prices also recorded for selected clothing items and men's haircuts.

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
St. John's								
February 1977 index	160.1	184.6	158.1	131.2	155.5	160.2	135.2	140.8
January 1977 index	159.4	183.1	157.3	131.0	154.2	160.2	139.8	141.0
% change from January 1977	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.0	-3.3	-0.1
% change from February 1976	6.3	4.6	8.8	6.7	7.4	6.7	3.0	0.8
Halifax								
February 1977 index	150.5	171.6	145.3	130.2	154.5	140.8	134.4	135.3
January 1977 index	148.8	166.7	144.4	129.3	153.4	139.9	134.0	135.1
% change from January 1977	1.1	2.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1
% change from February 1976	5.7	2.6	7.1	6.5	7.4	7.5	4.9	6.5
Saint John								
February 1977 index	153.8	177.7	149.2	128.9	150.7	154.5	148.8	131.7
January 1977 index	152.1	172.5	148.5	128.3	149.3	154.0	148.4	131.0
% change from January 1977	1.1	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.5
% change from February 1976	6.4	3.9	8.8	5.5	6.2	6.9	5.9	5.8
Quebec City								
February 1977 index	151.7	176.8	144.8	131.2	151.2	144.4	139.0	139.5
January 1977 index	150.0	172.0	144.3	129.2	151.6	140.9	138.8	139.5
% change from January 1977	1.1	2.8	0.3	1.5	-0.3	2.5	0.1	0.0
% change from February 1976	7.5	6.1	9.0	5.8	8.2	6.9	7.2	9.2
Montreal								
February 1977 index	152.8	176.8	141.0	140.6	153.0	148.4	143.4	141.4
January 1977 index	151.1	172.8	140.5	138.8	152.9	145.1	143.1	141.2
% change from January 1977	1.1	2.3	0.4	1.3	0.1	2.3	0.2	0.1
% change from February 1976	7.0	5.1	8.5	7.5	7.8	5.3	5.8	9.4
Ottawa								
February 1977 index	153.2	167.5	151.7	143.1	147.8	149.0	136.5	142.1
January 1977 index	151.4	164.0	149.4	143.4	147.8	147.4	136.4	140.1
% change from January 1977	1.2	2.1	1.5	-0.2	0.0	1.1	0.1	1.4
% change from February 1976	7.0	2.1	11.2	6.2	5.9	7.7	3.8	9.1
Toronto								
February 1977 index	152.1	170.0	147.7	132.7	149.1	157.4	139.8	139.8
January 1977 index	150.7	166.0	147.2	132.5	149.0	155.6	139.5	138.3
% change from January 1977	0.9	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.2	1.1
% change from February 1976	6.4	2.4	8.8	3.3	8.3	8.1	3.6	9.6
Thunday Bay								
February 1977 index	153.9	168.9	154.3	129.0	157.2	152.8	138.2	138.1
January 1977 index	151.8	166.4	151.4	128.7	156.0	151.2	137.8	136.3
% change from January 1977	1.4	1.5	1.9	0.2	0.8	1.1	0.3	1.3
% change from February 1976	5.9	1.4	9.1	4.7	6.1	8.7	4.3	9.4
Winnipeg								
February 1977 index	156.3	173.1	160.3	136.1	147.4	155.9	137.8	140.7
January 1977 index	154.6	169.3	159.3	133.7	146.2	154.7	137.9	140.6
% change from January 1977	1.1	2.2	0.6	1.8	0.8	0.8	-0.1	0.1
% change from February 1976	7.6	3.3	12.6	6.2	6.7	6.1	5.4	9.5
Saskatoon**								
February 1977 index	150.9	168.0	149.4	138.2	140.7	145.4	151.5	135.5
January 1977 index	149.7	165.1	148.7	138.1	139.7	142.5	151.1	134.5
% change from January 1977	0.8	1.8	0.5	0.1	0.7	2.0	0.3	0.7
% change from February 1976	6.8	4.0	9.1	6.7	6.3	8.6	6.7	7.8
Regina**								
February 1977 index	152.7	165.9	153.5	135.5	143.5	152.0	155.0	137.2
January 1977 index	151.3	161.7	152.8	135.5	142.5	150.2	154.7	137.2
% change from January 1977	0.9	2.6	0.5	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.0
% change from February 1976	8.7	7.0	11.2	5.4	7.7	11.4	7.9	9.0

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
Edmonton**								
February 1977 index	154.2	164.0	161.6	136.6	152.3	141.2	139.8	132.2
January 1977 index	152.4	161.0	158.9	136.2	152.2	140.6	139.6	131.0
% change from January 1977	1.2	1.9	1.7	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.9
% change from February 1976	7.9	5.0	11.8	6.1	6.7	6.7	7.7	3.1
Calgary**								
February 1977 index	152.6	162.6	155.1	140.9	149.6	147.0	142.1	134.6
January 1977 index	151.5	161.5	153.1	140.2	149.8	145.2	142.4	133.1
% change from January 1977	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.5	-0.1	1.2	-0.2	1.1
% change from February 1976	7.2	2.4	11.7	6.7	5.3	7.6	9.4	5.0
Vancouver								
February 1977 index	157.4	176.9	153.3	139.7	157.6	151.0	134.3	137.8
January 1977 index	156.3	174.1	152.6	138.8	157.2	150.7	134.1	137.5
% change from January 1977	0.7	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
% change from February 1976	9.1	4.6	10.2	6.5	18.7	8.1	4.2	4.8

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).

** These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supersede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see *Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin*, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-005).

Vancouver

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.7%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 9.1%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, coffee, bread and pork; higher charges for both owned and rented accommodation. Prices also up for new cars and selected clothing items.

Wholesale Trade, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales by wholesale merchants for January were estimated at \$3,665,423,000, a 5.8% increase compared with January 1976. In the consumer goods trades one of the most significant sales changes from January 1976 was registered by the household electrical appliances component, showing an increase of 14.3%. In the industrial goods trades one of the most notable items was an increase of 24.4% in the industrial and transportation equipment and supplies category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$7,137,288,000, an increase of 14.5% over January 1976.

For further details, order the January issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

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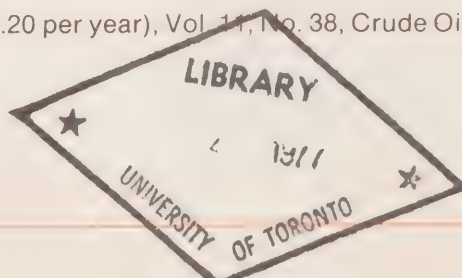
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Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending March 7

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,502,601	2,129,577	4,632,178
Short tons, 1976	2,382,665	1,791,324	4,173,989
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 270 321	1 931 920	4 202 241
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 161 517	1 625 062	3 786 579
% change	5.0	18.9	11.0
Cars, 1977	41,713	32,002	73,715
Cars, 1976	39,670	27,368	67,038
% change	5.1	16.9	10.0
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	166,688	57,705	224,393
Short tons, 1976	126,035	47,258	173,293
Metric tonnes, 1977	151 217	52 349	203 566
Metric tonnes, 1976	114 337	42 872	157 209
% change	32.3	22.1	29.5
Cars, 1977	5,149	2,535	7,684
Cars, 1976	4,143	2,037	6,180
% change	24.3	24.4	24.3
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	20,153,263	18,870,730	39,023,993
Short tons, 1976	19,794,056	17,458,046	37,252,102
Metric tonnes, 1977	18 282 733	17 119 238	35 401 971
Metric tonnes, 1976	17 956 866	15 837 673	33 794 539
% change	1.8	8.1	4.8
Cars, 1977	340,202	287,605	627,807
Cars, 1976	340,575	275,679	616,254
% change	-0.1	4.3	1.9
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	1,416,640	501,945	1,918,585
Short tons, 1976	1,155,187	451,624	1,606,811
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 285 154	455 357	1 740 511
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 047 968	409 706	1 457 674
% change	22.6	11.1	19.4
Cars, 1977	42,674	21,756	64,430
Cars, 1976	38,607	19,018	57,625
% change	10.5	14.4	11.8

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended March 7, 1977 —
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Canadian railways reported loadings totalling 4.6 million short tons (4.2 million t) in the first week of March, up 11.0% from the previous year. Freight originating east of Thunder Bay and Armstrong increased 5.0%, while west of these points tonnages were 18.9% above the 1976 level. The number of cars loaded in the latest period was up 10.0% to 73,715 units.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) at 224,393 short tons (203 566 t) were 29.5% higher than a year ago.

From January 1 through March 7, rail carload traffic advanced 4.8% over the corresponding period in 1976, increasing to 39.0 million short tons (35.4 million t). Piggyback shipments showed a gain of 19.4%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs.) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March amounted to 128.4 million pounds compared with 121.0 million last month and 94.5 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the March issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Pressed and Punched Felt Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

The pressed and punched felt industry shipped \$11.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 29.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 27.7% to \$5.1 million, the number of employees decreased 19.3% to 343 and total salaries and wages decreased 14.5% to \$3.02 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Felt and Fibre Processing Mills, 1975* (34-219, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 19, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 19 was 309,429 short tons (280 709 t), an increase of 3.8% from the preceding week's total of 298,203 short tons (270 525 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 277,534 tons (251 776 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 168.9 in the current week, 162.8 a week earlier and 151.5 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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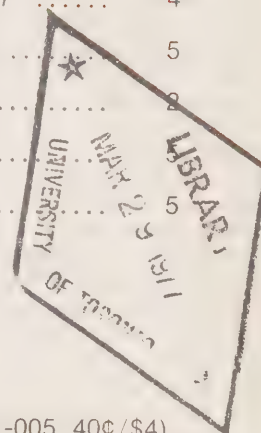
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Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products, 1976 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Trade With the United States

Canada's deficit in automotive trade with the United States was almost halved in 1976 to \$1 billion from \$1,917 million in 1975, and stood well below that of \$1,218 million for 1974. The negative balances for these three years were the highest recorded, though, as the annual deficit did not approach the \$1 billion level in any other year since 1965.

Both exports and imports of motor vehicles and parts reached record levels in 1976. The value of shipments to the United States (as measured by import statistics of that country) advanced by one-third to \$7,879 million, following a 9% increase in 1975. Imports rose 13.5% to \$8,879 million in 1976, after a larger increase of 17.5% in the preceding year.

Both exports and imports, after seasonal adjustment, rose during the first three quarters of 1976. Largely on account of the industrial dispute involving the Ford Motor Company, exports of automotive goods fell more than 10% in the final quarter, while imports declined more moderately. From a quarterly deficit topping \$550 million in October-December 1975, the deficit dropped sharply in the first quarter of 1976 and continued to moderate in the following two periods. The deficit then rebounded to well over \$400 million in the final quarter of the year.

One-half of the \$1,976 million gain in exports was attributable to motor vehicles. The sharp recovery in 1976 in automobile and light truck sales in the United States contributed to Canadian export gains of 20% and 44%, respectively, for cars and trucks. Shipments of automotive parts rose 44% to \$2,942 million, while tire exports increased \$95 million to \$163 million, on account of the lengthy strike in the U.S. rubber industry in 1976.

Continually-rising imports of vehicle parts, up 21% from 1975 to \$5,474 million, accounted for about 90% of the \$1,059 million increase in total automotive imports from the United States. Car imports rose 6% to \$2,320 million, and truck imports increased 3% to \$970 million. The relatively-small increase in vehicle imports was associated with a modest rate of growth of retail sales of new vehicles in Canada in 1976. In unit terms, passenger cars sold declined from the record high level of 1975. Tires were the only category of automotive goods imports which fell in 1976 — due to the production disruption noted above — by one-third.

In summary, the parts deficit of \$2,532 million in 1976 was partly offset by surpluses of \$1,110 million for cars, \$374 million for trucks and \$48 million for tires. In contrast, cars constituted in the two preceding years the only category recording a surplus.

Overseas Trade

Canadian exports of motor vehicles and parts stood at \$591 million in 1976, up marginally from the previous year. Following a slight decline in 1975, automotive imports rose 21% to \$846 million in 1976. The deficit in automotive trade more than doubled to \$255 million from the unusually-low level of \$112 million in 1975. But the 1976 deficit was still lower than that of any other year since 1970.

Following a 55% advance in 1975, exports of passenger cars increased 39% to \$211 million in 1976. This rise was concentrated in shipments to OPEC countries. From nothing in 1975, automobile exports to Iran expanded to \$23 million in 1976. Smaller increases were recorded in shipments to other member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Kuwait and also to Syria and Jordan. Exports of other motor vehicles dropped 18% to \$199 million from an unusually-high total in 1975. Reduced shipments of trucks in 1976 to South Africa, Iran, Yugoslavia, the Philippines, Taiwan and to several Latin American countries were partly offset by higher exports to Venezuela and Australia.

Some 80% of the \$148 million rise in imports was due to passenger cars, which advanced 33% in value to \$485 million, following a 6.5% decline in 1975. At \$231 million, vehicle parts imports were 12% higher in 1976; and the increase was traced to overseas sources such as Sweden, the European Economic Community, Mexico and Japan.

Passenger Car Imports

The number of passenger cars imported into Canada in 1976 totalled 747,200 units, up 9.9% over the previous year. The increase was only 2% in 1975. At 76.1% and 16.1% in 1976, as compared with 81.2% and 10.6% in 1975, the shares of automobiles originating respectively in the United States and Japan reverted more to the pattern of 1974. The dominance of the import market by cars from these two countries and West Germany expanded from 94.6% in 1974 to 96.4% in 1976.

After the substantial rise of some 23% in the unit value of imported automobiles in 1975, the average price increase in 1976 was marginal. While the exchange value of foreign currencies generally strengthened against the Canadian dollar in 1975, the situation was reversed in 1976. Both the United States dollar and the Japanese yen depreciated, on the average, between the two years by about 3% and the West German mark by some 5.5%.

For further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

Leaf Tobacco Processors, 1975 — Advance Information.

Leaf tobacco processors shipped \$249.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 24.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 54.3% to \$25.0 million, the number of employees decreased 3.4% to 1,329 and total salaries and wages increased 21.8% to \$11.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Tobacco Products Industries, 1975* (32-225, 70¢).

Canada-United States Trade in Automotive Products

	1974	1975	1976	Change '75 to '76
	(\$ millions)			
United States Imports from Canada*				
Cars	2,540	2,858	3,430	572
Trucks, etc.	867	932	1,344	412
Parts	1,953	2,045	2,942	897
Tires and tubes	64	68	163	95
Total	5,424	5,903	7,879	1,976
Canadian Imports from United States				
Cars	1,632	2,183	2,320	137
Trucks, etc.	899	942	970	28
Parts	3,892	4,522	5,474	952
Tires and tubes	219	173	115	-58
Total	6,642	7,820	8,879	1,059
Balance				
Cars	908	675	1,110	435
Trucks, etc.	-32	-10	374	384
Parts	-1,939	-2,477	-2,532	-55
Tires and tubes	-155	-105	48	153
Total	-1,218	-1,917	-1,000	917
Excluded: retroactive adjustments to imported parts from U.S. for special tooling charges	159	38	—	

*A more accurate measurement of trade in automotive products is obtained by comparing the import statistics of each country. Accordingly, Canadian exports are derived from the counterpart U.S. statistics of imports.

Canada-Other Countries Trade in Automobile Products

	1974	1975	1976	Change 1975 to 1976
	(\$ millions)			
Canadian exports				
Cars	98	152	211	59
Other motor vehicles	106	242	199	-43
Parts	137	177	163	-14
Tires and tubes	5	5	8	3
Re-exports	7	10	10	—
Total	353	586	591	5
Canadian imports				
Cars	390	365	485	120
Other motor vehicles	60	45	50	5
Parts	190	206	231	25
Tires and tubes	70	82	80	-2
Total	710	698	846	148
Balance	-357	-112	-255	-143

Canadian Passenger Car Imports

	1975		1976		Change Between Years		
	Units (000)	Share %	Units (000)	Share %	Volume %	Average Price %	Exchange Rate %
United States	552.0	81.2	568.7	76.1	3.0	3.2	-3.1
Japan	71.9	10.6	120.0	16.1	66.9	2.2	-3.0
West Germany	27.5	4.0	31.6	4.2	14.9	-3.5	-5.4
United Kingdom	12.9	1.9	13.1	1.8	1.9	5.9	-21.2
France	5.5	0.8	7.8	1.0	40.6	-1.8	-13.0
Italy	8.4	1.2	2.7	0.4	-67.3	-8.8	—
Other Countries	1.6	0.3	3.3	0.4	93.5	-3.1	—
All Countries	679.8	100.0	747.2	100.0	9.9	0.2	-7.8

*Minus (-) sign indicates depreciation of the value of the currency of the country against the Canadian dollar. Rate for all countries is the rate against the Canadian dollar of the SDR, a weighted average of sixteen major world currencies calculated by the International Monetary Fund.

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

January 1977 — Advance Information.

	Domestic		Export		Total	
	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Ingots and semi-finished shapes	32,609	29 583	26,027	23 611	58,636	53 194
Rails	18,915	17 160	7,692	6 978	26,607	24 138
Wire rods	49,822	45 198	12,332	11 187	62,154	56 385
Structural shapes:						
Heavy	38,342	34 782	8,535	7 743	46,877	42 525
Bar-sized shapes	11,907	10 801	1,510	1 370	13,417	12 171
Concrete reinforcing bars	29,396	26 666	—	—	29,396	26 666
Other hot rolled bars	73,840	66 987	5,762	5 226	79,602	72 213
Tie plates and track material	6,989	6 341	21	19	7,010	6 360
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	76,188	69 115	13,214	11 988	89,402	81 103
Hot rolled sheets and strip	209,856	190 376	15,735	14 274	225,591	204 650
Cold finished bars	8,403	7 623	269	244	8,672	7 867
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled						
other, coated	165,649	150 277	9,674	8 777	175,323	159 054
Galvanized sheets	66,493	60 320	11,171	10 135	77,664	70 455
Total	788,409	715 229	11,942	101 552	900,351	816 781

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the January issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

March 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Mar. 18/77 This week	Mar. 11/77 Week ago	Feb. 18/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	103.5	102.1	101.1
Industrials	85	104.1	102.2	101.0
Foods	9	84.0	83.5	84.6
Alcoholic beverages	5	79.9	79.7	79.8
Textiles and clothing	3	115.0	114.7	114.0
Pulp and paper	7	139.8	134.0	126.7
Printing and publishing	5	104.1	101.5	98.0
Primary metals	4	108.3	106.1	104.8
Industrial mines	6	97.8	95.8	92.6
Metal fabricating	9	183.9	180.4	179.1
Non-metallic minerals	4	85.5	86.9	84.5
Petroleum	8	99.4	98.6	101.6
Chemicals	5	110.3	109.3	107.6
Construction	5	219.7	223.6	219.6
Trade	15	80.9	78.4	78.8
Utilities and services	28	95.0	94.6	93.9
Transportation	6	129.4	124.8	123.6
Pipelines	5	82.1	82.3	80.8
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	101.2	102.3	104.5
Telephone	4	96.9	96.9	96.9
Electric power	3	120.1	122.9	123.5
Gas distribution	5	71.8	73.2	72.2
Finances	21	113.1	112.6	113.0
Banks	8	115.6	115.1	116.3
Investment and loan	9	107.7	107.1	106.4
Insurance	4	104.7	104.2	98.0
Mining Index	17	114.7	115.1	106.5
Gold	9	210.7	212.8	191.8
Base metals	8	68.6	68.2	65.6
Uranium	2	181.6	181.8	185.3
Primary oils and gas index	5	102.6	102.3	103.8

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Roundwood production increased 52.0% to 1,077,609 cunits (3 051 000 m3) in January from 709,082 cunits (2 009 000 m3) in January 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased 46.0% to 2,199,370 cunits (6 228 000 m3) from 1,506,245 cunits (4 266 000 m3) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased 11.3% to 11,188,132 cunits (31 680 000 m3) from 12,614,216 (35 719 486 m3). Receipts of wood residue increased 26.4% to 879,456 cunits (2 490 000 m3) from 696,014 (1 970 892 m3).

For further information, order the January issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, March 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on March 1 totalled 30.5 million pounds compared with 34.0 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 117.3 million pounds (131.2 million in 1976).

For further information, order the March issue of *Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables* (32-010, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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New Market Research Handbook

Market Research Handbook, 1976 (Catalogue 63-224, \$7.50 in Canada, \$9 abroad), an annual edition collecting key data from numerous Statistics Canada surveys into one volume of special use to businessmen, marketers and other decision-makers, is now available.

The publication is 537 pages, 181 pages longer than the previous edition. One hundred and eighty tables set out in great detail information on industrial output, imports and exports, price indexes, merchandising and services, population characteristics, personal income and expenditure, housing, vehicle ownership, household facilities and equipment and detailed statistical information for metropolitan areas and census agglomerations. The tables present information over a span of years in order to identify trends and are backed up by extensive notes as well as references to other Statistics Canada publications.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, January 1977 (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Footwear Statistics, January 1977 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, December 1976 (35-001, 30¢/\$3)

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Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1977 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)**Service Bulletins:**

Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, February 1977: No. 3, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder; No. 4, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 30, Pack of Processed Beans, Green and Wax, 1976

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers' shipments in January, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8,888.4 million, 2.9% higher than the revised December 1976 estimate of \$8,639.5 million. Durable goods shipments rose 4.3% to \$4,104.3 million from \$3,933.4 million; non-durable goods shipments, estimated at \$4,784.1 million, were 1.7% above the December estimate of \$4,706.1 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$9,061.5 million, 7.1% higher than the revised December estimate of \$8,461.0 million. As a result of higher values of both shipments and unfilled orders estimates in most of the durable goods industries, a 13.0% increase in the value of new orders for this group was recorded. Estimated new orders values were sharply higher in the primary metals, metal fabricating, transportation equipment and electrical products industries. Non-durable goods new orders increased 2.3% to \$4,789.8 million from \$4,680.4 million. Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries rose 1.9% to \$9,348.5 million from the revised December estimate of \$9,175.4 million.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, increased fractionally to \$16,769.6 million from \$16,765.8 million. Total inventory held also increased fractionally, with increases of 0.1% and 1.0%, respectively, in raw materials and goods in process and a decrease of 0.9% in finished products.

The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments, seasonally adjusted, was 1.89:1 in January compared to 1.94:1 (revised) for December. The finished products to shipments ratio in January was 0.64:1, down from the revised December ratio of 0.67:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in January were estimated at \$8,146.5 million, 2.0% lower than the revised December 1976 estimate of \$8,311.5 million. Revised 1976 estimated shipments were \$98,152.5 million, 12.0% higher than the 1975 estimated value of \$87,597.7 million.

For further information, order the January issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Foundation Garment Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The foundation garment industry shipped \$68.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 14.6% to 51.8 million, the number of

employees decreased 10.9% to 3,846 and total salaries and wages increased 8.3% to \$29.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Foundation Garment Industry, 1975* (34-212, 70¢).

Coffin and Casket Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The coffin and casket industry shipped \$25.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 0.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 7.0% to \$14.4 million, the number of employees decreased 8.9% to 1,120 and total salaries and wages increased 1.9% to \$8.9 million.

For further information, contact C.F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Coffin and Casket Industry, 1975* (35-210, 70¢).

Cordage and Twine Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The cordage and twine industry shipped \$25.08 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 16.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 11.4% to \$14.34 million, the number of employees increased 12.9% to 700 and total salaries and wages increased 26.2% to \$6.32 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Cordage and Twine Industry, 1975* (34-203, 70¢).

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1973 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976r	Nov. 1976	Jan. 1976
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments: Total	8,146.5	8,311.5	8,692.6	7,187.1
Non-durable	4,400.0	4,570.6	4,677.7	3,883.8
Durable	3,746.6	3,740.8	4,014.9	3,303.3
New Orders: Total	8,366.7	8,233.4	8,608.2	7,092.1
Non-durable	4,428.9	4,538.2	4,693.4	3,921.1
Durable	3,937.8	3,695.2	3,914.8	3,170.9
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,426.8	9,206.7	9,284.8	10,079.7
Non-durable	1,295.7	1,266.8	1,299.2	1,256.1
Durable	8,131.1	7,939.9	7,985.5	8,823.6
Inventory Owned: Total	16,890.8	16,749.2	16,543.6	15,823.3
Inventory Held: Total	17,740.7	17,589.8	17,471.1	16,629.2
Raw materials	7,318.1	7,367.2	7,239.0	6,974.1
Goods in process	4,675.8	4,583.3	4,617.7	4,445.2
Finished Products	5,746.8	5,639.2	5,614.3	5,210.0
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Shipments: Total	8,888.4	8,639.5	8,301.9	7,669.9
Non-durable	4,784.1	4,706.1	4,506.8	4,130.7
Durable	4,104.3	3,933.4	3,795.1	3,539.2
New Orders: Total	9,061.5	8,461.0	8,276.8	7,463.7
Non-durable	4,789.8	4,680.4	4,542.8	4,142.7
Durable	4,271.7	3,780.6	3,734.0	3,321.0
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,348.5	9,175.4	9,353.9	10,010.0
Non-durable	1,309.7	1,304.0	1,329.7	1,274.1
Durable	8,038.8	7,871.4	8,024.2	8,735.9
Inventory Owned: Total	16,769.6	16,765.8	16,670.3	15,729.7
Inventory Held: Total	17,629.2	17,620.7	17,583.8	16,555.3
Raw materials	7,241.5	7,230.9	7,232.1	6,894.0
Goods in process	4,666.5	4,618.6	4,592.5	4,470.7
Finished products	5,721.2	5,771.2	5,759.2	5,190.6
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	1.89	1.94	2.01	2.05
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.68

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Seasonally Adjusted					
	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976r	% change	Jan.-Dec. 1976r	Jan.-Dec. 1975	% change
	(\$ millions)			(\$ millions)		
Newfoundland	43.1	56.6	-23.8	619.5	700.2	-11.5
Nova Scotia	192.5	196.6	-2.1	2,146.4	1,907.2	12.5
New Brunswick	149.6	155.9	-4.0	1,825.9	1,647.0	10.9
Quebec	2,149.5	2,202.1	-2.4	25,728.3	23,822.1	8.0
Ontario	4,186.8	4,250.3	-1.5	50,271.0	44,082.9	14.0
Manitoba	201.4	209.5	-3.9	2,637.9	2,554.2	3.3
Saskatchewan	86.5	83.3	3.8	1,118.3	1,084.5	3.1
Alberta	411.6	416.7	-1.2	4,955.9	4,453.7	11.3
British Columbia	717.8	731.5	-1.9	8,724.7	7,236.1	20.6
Canada*	8,146.5	8,311.5	-2.0	98,152.5	87,597.7	12.0

*Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

New Housing Price Indexes

November 1976 — February 1977 — Advance Information

	February 1977	January 1977	December 1976	November 1976	% Change February/77 February/76
			1971=100		
Ottawa-Hull	199.1	200.3	199.8	199.8	5.8
Toronto	179.1	180.7	182.8	182.5	1.1
Edmonton	256.3	253.6	253.3	252.8	9.7
			(Jan. 1975=100)		
Halifax	112.8	112.8	112.8	111.1	4.4
St. Catharines-Niagara	117.1	117.1	115.6	115.2	9.8
Regina	135.1	135.1	135.1	133.1	4.1

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 a year) or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Instruments and Related Products Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of scientific instruments and related products shipped \$414.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 15.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 9.2% to \$277.9 million, the number of employees increased 3.8% to 11,961 and total salaries and wages increased 15.5% to \$141.0 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975* (47-206, \$1.05).

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Building Permits, December 1976 (64-001, 70¢/\$7)

Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and Provinces, January 1977 (91-001, 35¢/\$1.40)

Educational Staff in Public Trade Schools and Similar Institutions, 1974-75 (81-251, 70¢)

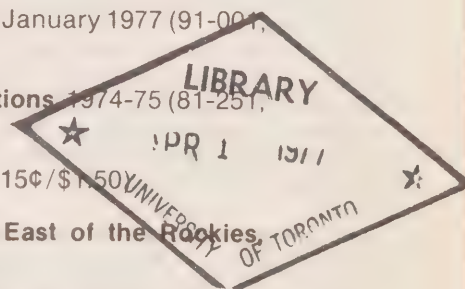
Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, February 1977 (32-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, December 1976 (35-002, 30¢/\$3)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December 1976 (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

Coal and Coke Statistics, December 1976 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)

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Grain Milling Statistics, January 1977 (32-003, 30¢/\$3)**Service Bulletins:**

Aviation Statistics Centre — (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 9, No. 11, Aircraft Movement Statistics, January 1977

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 5, Monthly Telephone Statistics, January 1977

Rubber and Plastic Products Industries (47-002, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 11, Production and Shipments of Plastic Bottles, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 2, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, February 1977

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, February 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Both exports and imports of merchandise (seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis) recorded gains in February of 5% to 6% to reach the high levels of \$3,490 million and \$3,381 million, respectively. For exports, February was the third successive month of advance and for imports, the fourth. The merchandise trade surplus stood at \$109 million in February, down slightly from \$130 million in January. At \$369 million, the surplus for the three months ending in February compared with surpluses of \$522 million for the September-November period and \$354 million for the three months ending in August 1976.

Exports (Customs Basis)

The increase to \$2,363 million in exports to the United States accounted for less than 10% of the moderate over-all increase in February exports. The value of seasonally-adjusted shipments to the U.S. remained flat during the three most recent months. Among largely-offsetting changes in February, increases were recorded in exports of automotive goods, natural gas, pulp, other industrial materials and machinery. Exports of metallic ores and concentrates (mainly of iron), lumber and crude oil declined in February, the last due in part to an apparent change in sourcing by U.S. west coast refineries.

Seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. increased almost 12% to \$7,078 million in the months of December-February from the period preceding. Motor vehicles and parts accounted for roughly two-thirds of the rise, followed by forestry products (except newsprint), liquefied petroleum gases, non-ferrous metals and machinery. Shipments of metallic concentrates and crude oil fell in the latest three-month period.

Exports to overseas countries rose almost 6% to \$1,074 million in February, following a sharper recovery in the previous month. Except for the United Kingdom, exports increased in February to all overseas areas. Seasonally-adjusted wheat shipments rose for the third successive month. Exports of pulp, some other industrial materials and machinery were higher in February, but shipments of metallic ores and metals declined.

Between the two most recent three-month periods, exports to overseas countries fell 7% to \$2,982 million, with approximately two-thirds of the decline being attributable to the European Economic Community. Apart from higher shipments of wheat, metallic ores and concentrates and machinery in December-February, exports of most other commodities declined — including forestry products, refined metals and automotive goods.

Imports (Customs Basis)

Following a 4% decline in January, seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. rose almost 9% to reach the highest-recorded level of \$2,445 million in February. Well over half of this increase was due to automotive products and, in particular, to parts. Industrial machinery imports rebounded from the low level of January.

At \$7,030 million, imports from the U.S. in December-February stood 11% over the total for the three preceding months. Much-larger imports of motor vehicles and parts (recovering from the effects of a strike) accounted for approximately two-thirds of the over-all increase. Imports of machinery were appreciably higher in the three months ending in February, and more moderate increases were recorded in seasonally-adjusted imports of coal, industrial materials and other equipment.

Imports from overseas countries rose 9.5% to \$1,031 million in February, with all the areas contributing. While there was a drop in crude oil landings from the high January level, increases occurred in February in imports of meat, industrial materials, motor vehicle parts and other equipment.

Seasonally-adjusted imports from overseas countries totalled \$2,913 million in December-February, up 2% over the preceding three-month period. Increased imports of motor vehicles, some industrial materials, other equipment and consumer goods were offset in part by reduced arrivals of some food commodities, crude oil, machinery and automotive parts.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the February issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

(see graph and tables on pages 4-11)

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Seasonally Adjusted, January 1977 — Advance Information.

The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for January 1977 showed a 0.1% decrease from December. Decreases were recorded in all industry divisions except for manufacturing, which remained unchanged, and for trade and finance, insurance and real estate which increased. Excluding Ontario, which did not change, all regions registered declines.

Average weekly earnings declined by 1.3% at the national industrial composite level in January. Decreases were recorded in all industry divisions except forestry and mining, which posted gains. British Columbia and the Prairie region were the only regions showing an increase.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in January in mining but decreased in manufacturing and in construction. Average hourly earnings rose in all three industry divisions.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours*.

Detailed information for November and December will be published in the January issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see tables on pages 12-14)

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), January 1977 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table presents seasonally-adjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961-based data contained in *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see table on page 15)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Crude petroleum production for December amounted to 1,683,000 B/D, up 4.5% from 1,610,000 B/D in December 1975. Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,502,000 Mcf./D, an increase of 2.0% from 10,294,000 Mcf./D in December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in January to 489,608,000 feet board measure from 315,035,000 feet board measure in January 1976. Stocks on hand at the end of January totalled 1,083,496,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order the January issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 4,280 short tons (3 883 t) or 8,616,579 square feet (800 506 m²) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in February compared to 4,407 short tons (3 998 t) or 9,835,086 square feet (913 709 m²) in February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin* (47-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

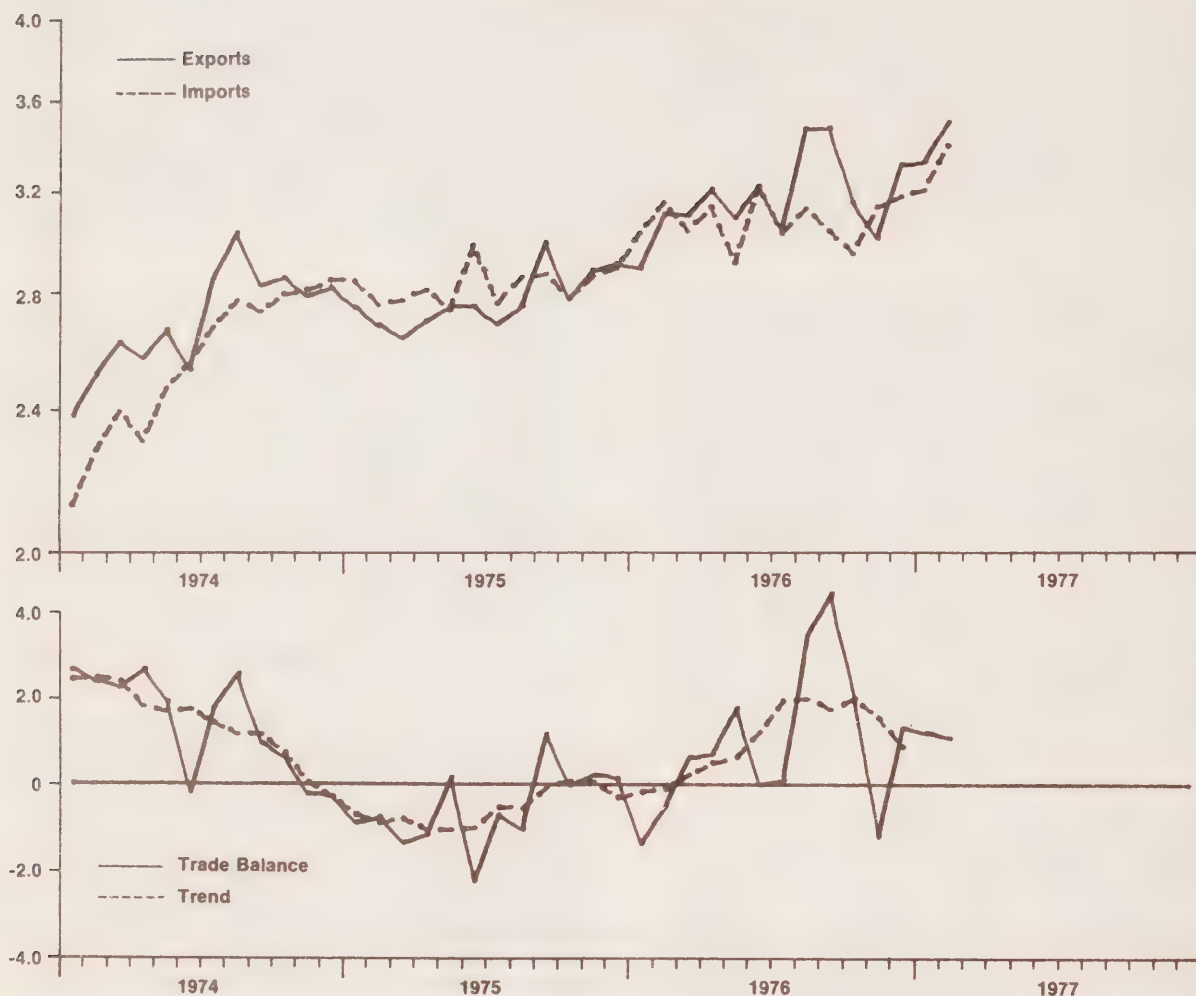
Cotton and Jute Bags Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The cotton and jute bags industry shipped \$31.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 16.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 21.3% to \$10.6 million, the number of employees decreased 9.4% to 717 and total salaries and wages increased 2.4% to \$5.6 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Canvas Products and Cotton and Jute Bags Industries, 1975* (34-202, 70¢).

EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars



Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

After-tax profits of industrial corporations (not seasonally adjusted) were \$2,173 million for the fourth quarter of 1976, a decrease of \$302 million (12.2%) from the fourth quarter of 1975.

Total sales of \$61.0 billion increased \$5.0 billion (8.9%) from the fourth quarter of 1975. Assets increased \$4.2 billion (2.6%) over the third quarter of 1976 and \$12.9 billion (8.5%) from the fourth quarter of 1975.

(Please note that these figures represent the latest data for the fourth quarter of 1976 and supersede the preliminary estimates for the same period released last month. The figures are also available on CANSIM.)

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics* (61-003, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. R.B. Smadella (613-996-2130), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Merchandise Trade of Canada

	Customs Basis*		Balance of Payments Basis*				
	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted		Trade Balance
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports (\$ millions)	Exports	Imports	
1975							
Third Quarter	7,748	8,119	7,874	7,966	8,445	8,503	-58
Fourth Quarter	8,853	8,918	8,998	8,746	8,581	8,542	39
1976							
First Quarter	8,788	9,133	8,636	8,989	9,088	9,210	-122
Second Quarter	10,113	10,026	10,151	9,885	9,502	9,253	249
Third Quarter	9,342	8,724	9,317	8,598	9,973	9,180	793
Fourth Quarter	9,834	9,550	9,916	9,415	9,456	9,244	212
1976							
September	3,237	2,935	3,255	2,889	3,472	3,032	440
October	3,189	2,995	3,239	2,979	3,147	2,947	200
November	3,382	3,484	3,410	3,457	3,008	3,126	-118
December	3,262	3,071	3,267	2,979	3,301	3,171	130
1977							
January	3,110	3,003	3,077	2,959	3,318	3,188	130
February	3,162	3,186	3,222	3,137	3,490	3,381	109

*In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	U.S.A.	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
			(\$ millions)				
1975							
Third Quarter	8,676.9	6,505.9	6,026.9	290.6	2,359.4	484.4	260.4
Fourth Quarter	8,704.3	6,524.3	6,080.5	286.3	2,337.5	508.5	265.5
1976							
First Quarter	9,294.8	6,981.3	6,333.4	306.4	2,655.0	510.3	369.0
Second Quarter	9,381.8	7,123.2	6,358.3	289.2	2,734.3	492.6	366.1
Third Quarter	9,365.1	6,994.0	6,482.7	256.7	2,625.7	492.6	383.4
Fourth Quarter	9,358.4	6,995.2	6,497.4	300.8	2,560.2	537.0	401.8
1976							
September	3,107.7	2,341.8	2,175.6	84.7	847.4	173.3	131.6
October	2,929.1	2,246.4	1,982.9	97.9	848.3	195.4	128.8
November	3,148.9	2,372.6	2,176.1	109.7	863.1	168.8	135.3
December	3,280.4	2,376.1	2,338.4	93.2	848.8	172.8	137.7
1977							
January	3,187.3	2,301.6	2,246.5	93.0	847.8	174.9	137.5
February	3,475.3	2,484.3	2,444.7	104.0	926.6	204.2	152.1
Percent changes							
February/January	9.0	7.9	8.8	11.8	9.2	16.7	10.5
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	8.2	2.8	10.9	-0.7	2.5	2.6	7.9
Feb. 77/Feb. 76	8.6	4.9	9.0	0.1	8.7	17.9	15.3

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,279.7	2,027.7	2,189.2	2,137.0	1,833.1	1,931.1	6.6	10.6	13.3
United Kingdom	92.4	88.9	83.6	93.4	96.0	86.2	-1.0	-7.3	-3.1
Other E.E.C.	166.7	162.6	161.6	142.5	157.3	170.5	16.9	3.3	-5.2
Japan	133.2	132.4	132.2	115.5	115.4	79.2	15.3	14.7	66.8
Other O.E.C.D.	85.7	102.9	121.8	75.3	99.8	86.3	13.8	3.0	41.1
Other America	175.7	205.6	138.9	125.4	207.3	151.3	40.0	-0.7	-8.2
Other Countries	252.9	282.9	244.0	311.5	390.0	325.3	-18.8	-27.4	-24.9
All Countries	3,186.3	3,003.0	3,071.3	3,000.6	2,898.9	2,829.9	6.1	3.5	8.5

	Year-to-Date						Feb.-Feb. Percent Changes	
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	77/76	76/75
United States	4,307.4	2,027.7	3,970.1	1,833.1	3,458.5	1,742.8	8.5	14.7
United Kingdom	181.3	88.9	189.5	96.0	204.9	107.4	-4.2	-7.5
Other E.E.C.	329.3	162.6	299.8	157.3	347.8	185.5	9.8	-13.7
Japan	265.7	132.4	230.8	115.4	262.3	145.3	15.0	-11.9
Other O.E.C.D.	188.6	102.9	175.1	99.8	169.2	84.7	7.6	3.4
Other America	381.3	205.6	332.7	207.3	339.8	201.0	14.6	-2.0
Other Countries	535.8	282.9	701.5	390.0	657.1	369.9	-23.6	6.7
All Countries	6,189.4	3,003.0	5,899.5	2,898.9	5,439.6	2,836.6	4.9	8.4

Table 3

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	2.9	3.5	4.4	7.2	4.2	4.2	-60.0	-16.5	6.4
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	226.0	224.0	246.2	184.8	194.7	200.6	22.3	15.0	22.6
Meat and fish	40.7	37.7	48.2	40.2	38.0	31.6	1.3	-0.5	52.5
Fruits and vegetables	73.7	62.7	77.6	58.6	64.1	62.2	25.6	-2.1	24.6
Raw sugar	12.8	22.6	23.1	16.1	11.3	24.4	-20.3	99.0	-5.1
Crude Materials, Inedible	330.4	434.8	339.3	342.3	573.7	465.9	-3.4	-24.2	-27.1
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	21.4	34.1	47.6	22.0	26.9	30.8	-2.7	27.0	54.3
Coal	5.1	24.7	42.2	2.3	42.5	61.1	122.7	-41.8	-31.0
Crude petroleum	223.5	292.0	173.3	249.2	423.2	308.0	-10.3	-30.9	-43.7
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	486.9	472.2	491.9	512.9	495.7	483.2	-5.0	-4.7	1.7
Wood and paper	52.4	50.0	48.5	75.5	71.9	73.4	-30.6	-30.4	-33.9
Textiles	68.0	67.4	64.5	73.4	78.8	60.0	-7.3	-14.4	7.5
Chemicals	147.5	132.5	133.2	136.1	128.6	126.3	8.3	3.0	5.5
Iron and steel	56.6	55.0	59.1	55.7	53.7	58.0	1.6	2.4	1.8
Bars and rods, steel	6.5	8.8	7.9	5.6	6.5	9.6	15.0	35.1	-17.7
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	21.3	17.4	15.3	18.1	15.6	18.6	17.1	11.7	-17.8
Non-ferrous metals	31.0	33.3	49.9	27.8	33.7	42.7	11.2	-1.3	16.9
End Products, Inedible	2,091.4	1,835.3	1,952.3	1,913.1	1,601.6	1,649.6	9.3	14.5	18.3
General purpose machinery	111.8	96.9	101.4	112.4	115.8	101.7	-0.5	-16.3	-0.2
Special industry machinery	186.5	157.4	148.0	162.8	150.7	136.0	14.5	4.4	8.8
Machine tools, metalworking	11.1	11.5	12.9	11.0	12.8	12.9	0.5	-10.0	0.5
Agricultural machinery and tractors	118.5	111.7	101.3	109.4	95.6	96.3	8.2	16.7	5.2
Transportation equipment	1,028.1	830.2	946.4	897.7	672.5	798.5	14.5	23.4	18.5
Sedans, new	230.9	170.8	235.8	209.2	132.9	225.8	10.3	28.4	4.4
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	27.2	18.2	28.8	29.5	18.8	24.1	-7.9	-3.0	19.4
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	93.5	64.0	72.6	74.3	49.1	69.6	25.8	30.4	4.2
Other motor vehicles	26.6	22.2	25.3	22.8	16.3	20.7	16.6	36.3	22.0
Motor vehicle engines	44.6	36.5	35.8	46.0	36.2	45.1	-3.1	0.9	-20.5
Motor vehicle engine parts	51.2	49.7	50.0	41.6	30.8	27.5	23.1	61.4	81.5
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	458.4	384.0	408.8	391.4	301.4	305.8	17.1	27.4	33.6
Aircraft, complete with engines	6.5	7.1	17.0	7.0	7.3	11.8	-8.1	-3.4	44.2
Other equipment and tools	332.2	343.5	355.6	329.6	302.4	281.1	0.8	13.6	26.4
Electronic computers	43.8	43.9	39.3	28.7	28.5	33.1	52.4	54.2	18.5
Special Transactions, Trade	48.7	33.4	37.1	40.4	29.1	26.4	20.5	14.6	40.6
Total	3,186.3	3,003.0	3,071.3	3,000.6	2,898.9	2,829.9	6.1	3.5	8.5

Table 3 (Continued)

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Feb.-Feb. Percent Changes	
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	6.4	3.5	11.4	4.2	15.2	10.4	-44.1	-25.1
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	450.0	224.0	379.5	194.7	405.3	239.7	18.5	-6.3
Meat and fish	78.4	37.7	78.1	38.0	54.7	29.1	0.3	42.7
Fruits and vegetables	136.4	62.7	122.7	64.1	116.1	62.3	11.1	5.7
Raw sugar	35.4	22.6	27.4	11.3	74.4	70.9	29.0	-63.1
Crude Materials, Inedible	765.2	434.8	915.9	573.7	875.4	502.0	-16.4	4.6
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	55.5	34.1	48.9	26.9	60.8	37.5	13.6	-19.6
Coal	29.8	24.7	44.8	42.5	45.6	28.1	-33.4	-1.8
Crude petroleum	515.5	292.0	672.4	423.2	630.9	352.9	-23.3	6.5
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	959.1	472.2	1,008.6	495.7	1,018.5	557.3	-4.9	-0.9
Wood and paper	102.4	50.0	147.4	71.9	73.3	39.1	-30.5	101.2
Textiles	135.3	67.4	152.1	78.8	115.5	62.0	-11.0	31.7
Chemicals	280.0	132.5	264.8	128.6	243.2	130.6	5.7	8.8
Iron and steel	111.7	55.0	109.4	53.7	213.9	127.4	2.0	-48.8
Bars and rods, steel	15.3	8.8	12.1	6.5	37.1	21.5	25.8	-67.2
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	38.7	17.4	33.8	15.6	78.8	52.1	14.6	-57.1
Non-ferrous metals	64.2	33.3	61.5	33.7	87.3	52.1	4.3	-29.4
End Products, Inedible	3,926.7	1,835.3	3,514.7	1,601.6	3,078.8	1,502.2	11.7	14.1
General purpose machinery	208.7	96.9	228.2	115.8	222.3	111.8	-8.5	2.6
Special industry machinery	343.9	157.4	313.5	150.7	296.7	153.4	9.6	5.6
Machine tools, metalworking	22.6	11.5	23.8	12.8	29.1	15.0	-5.1	-18.3
Agricultural machinery and tractors	230.1	111.7	205.1	95.6	176.9	83.3	12.2	15.9
Transportation equipment	1,858.3	830.2	1,570.3	672.5	1,300.6	611.9	18.3	20.7
Sedans, new	401.6	170.8	342.2	132.9	266.7	116.7	17.3	28.3
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	45.4	18.2	48.4	18.8	30.6	12.1	-6.0	58.0
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	157.5	64.0	123.4	49.1	116.1	47.3	27.6	6.2
Other motor vehicles	48.7	22.2	39.0	16.3	41.3	20.4	24.8	-5.5
Motor vehicle engines	81.0	36.5	82.2	36.2	58.3	31.9	-1.3	40.8
Motor vehicle engines parts	100.9	49.7	72.4	30.8	48.4	22.2	39.4	49.4
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	842.5	384.0	692.7	301.4	532.6	260.1	21.6	30.0
Aircraft, complete with engines	13.5	7.1	14.4	7.3	28.4	17.1	-5.7	-49.3
Other equipment and tools	675.7	343.5	631.9	302.4	570.2	291.1	6.9	10.8
Electronic computers	87.7	43.9	57.2	28.5	58.1	31.6	53.3	-1.6
Special Transactions, Trade	82.0	33.4	69.5	29.1	46.3	25.1	18.0	50.1
Total	6,189.4	3,003.0	5,899.5	2,898.9	5,439.6	2,836.6	4.9	8.4

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	Total excluding cars and wheat	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975								
Third Quarter	8,253.0	6,536.3	6,103.5	5,489.4	450.6	2,313.0	600.9	564.3
Fourth Quarter	8,494.9	6,805.7	6,274.6	5,687.1	356.2	2,451.6	507.4	547.5
1976								
First Quarter	9,168.8	7,258.0	6,732.7	6,127.0	433.8	2,608.0	613.9	675.5
Second Quarter	9,517.5	7,307.3	6,892.5	6,515.4	484.3	2,517.8	622.6	566.2
Third Quarter	9,898.0	7,815.5	7,365.0	6,704.8	508.3	2,684.9	726.6	582.6
Fourth Quarter	9,419.3	7,558.4	7,176.1	6,423.1	425.1	2,571.1	706.8	615.4
1976								
September	3,375.4	2,683.8	2,528.3	2,266.6	170.0	938.8	250.4	237.5
October	3,116.7	2,672.6	2,448.2	2,025.2	138.8	952.7	229.0	247.3
November	3,053.7	2,372.7	2,293.9	2,041.5	158.4	853.8	295.3	153.3
December	3,249.0	2,513.1	2,434.0	2,356.4	128.0	764.6	182.5	214.9
1977								
January	3,373.7	2,529.2	2,398.1	2,358.3	170.9	844.5	220.5	202.2
February	3,437.5	2,669.6	2,508.3	2,363.4	140.3	933.8	248.6	216.5
	Percent changes							
February/January	1.8	5.5	4.6	0.2	-17.8	10.5	12.7	7.0
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	5.3	-0.2	0.9	11.7	-5.9	-7.3	-15.8	-0.6
Feb. 77/Feb. 76	9.9	8.1	10.6	12.6	-4.5	6.0	21.3	-16.5

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,261.3	2,127.2	2,283.5	2,037.9	1,820.7	1,896.6	10.9	16.8	20.4
United Kingdom	131.0	158.7	139.8	150.3	121.3	150.1	-12.8	30.8	-6.8
Other E.E.C.	203.3	232.4	212.5	167.5	229.1	222.3	21.3	1.4	-4.3
Japan	182.8	195.1	195.7	225.6	216.9	197.8	-18.9	-10.0	-1.0
Other O.E.C.D.	99.7	80.6	78.6	83.6	63.8	75.4	19.2	26.4	4.1
Other America	104.8	95.3	108.9	99.9	136.1	121.6	4.8	-29.9	-10.4
Other Countries	179.5	220.2	242.8	186.4	268.3	273.2	-3.7	-17.9	-11.0
All Countries	3,162.4	3,109.5	3,261.8	2,951.2	2,856.2	2,937.0	7.1	8.8	11.0
	Year-to-Date						Feb.-Feb. Percent Changes		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	77/76	76/75	
United States	4,388.5	2,127.2	3,858.6	1,820.7	3,343.5	1,652.0	13.7	15.4	
United Kingdom	289.7	158.7	271.7	121.3	358.1	181.7	6.6	-24.1	
Other E.E.C.	435.6	232.4	396.6	229.1	386.1	204.7	9.8	2.7	
Japan	378.0	195.1	442.5	216.9	323.2	213.5	-14.5	36.8	
Other O.E.C.D.	180.3	80.6	147.4	63.8	159.6	79.7	22.3	-7.6	
Other America	200.1	95.3	236.1	136.1	287.6	147.3	-15.2	-17.8	
Other Countries	399.7	220.2	454.7	268.3	377.7	232.4	-12.1	20.4	
All Countries	6,271.9	3,109.5	5,807.6	2,856.2	5,235.8	2,711.3	8.0	10.9	

Table 6

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	7.0	9.2	13.4	9.4	10.0	15.8	-25.4	-7.7	-15.7
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	263.1	293.9	349.2	318.1	354.2	410.9	-17.2	-16.9	-15.0
Meat and fish	51.3	48.0	52.5	52.3	45.6	45.9	-1.8	5.4	14.4
Cereals and preparations	132.4	181.4	212.5	215.5	253.8	291.8	-38.5	-28.5	-27.1
Wheat	102.7	121.2	124.0	150.2	158.0	212.1	-31.5	-23.2	-41.5
Crude Materials, Inedible	629.6	706.8	689.9	627.1	740.4	789.9	0.4	-4.5	-12.6
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	140.7	207.2	184.2	137.6	151.7	219.8	2.2	36.6	-16.1
Crude petroleum	139.9	169.4	166.5	196.9	291.3	270.3	-28.9	-41.8	-38.4
Natural gas	170.6	152.1	147.0	136.9	136.7	132.5	24.6	11.2	10.9
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,054.5	1,063.1	991.2	901.8	849.2	736.7	16.9	25.1	34.5
Wood and paper	545.1	541.8	540.5	430.1	406.3	340.2	26.7	33.3	58.8
Lumber, softwood	148.5	156.8	144.7	111.8	99.6	78.5	32.8	57.3	84.3
Wood pulp and similar pulp	190.3	159.5	171.7	182.9	171.5	145.3	4.0	-6.9	18.1
Newsprint paper	157.3	166.3	177.0	90.6	84.6	84.1	73.6	96.4	110.4
Textiles	10.0	7.1	8.3	7.9	9.8	7.0	25.4	-27.8	17.9
Chemicals	129.7	118.5	107.2	110.1	97.0	90.8	17.7	22.1	17.9
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	53.3	50.7	39.7	48.5	42.2	37.5	9.8	20.0	5.8
Petroleum and coal products	68.5	57.7	45.2	63.2	73.5	54.0	8.3	-21.4	-16.3
Iron and steel	68.3	83.0	57.6	70.0	60.6	54.7	-2.3	36.9	5.3
Non-ferrous metals	153.5	192.1	167.8	159.3	149.4	144.7	-3.6	28.5	15.9
Copper and alloys	36.0	44.6	37.7	44.8	42.6	38.8	-19.6	4.7	-2.8
Nickel and alloys	22.1	33.5	45.0	29.5	23.6	22.5	-25.1	41.9	100.1
End Products, Inedible	1,125.6	982.5	1,133.0	1,018.0	843.5	918.6	10.5	16.4	23.3
Industrial machinery	91.5	68.5	90.1	68.1	67.5	72.4	34.3	1.4	24.4
Agricultural machinery and tractors	48.2	35.0	49.5	57.2	31.1	43.7	-15.6	12.3	13.1
Transportation equipment	826.9	748.8	805.8	722.5	618.4	663.4	14.4	21.0	21.4
Passenger automobiles and chassis	337.8	314.5	327.2	302.7	264.7	259.3	11.5	18.8	26.1
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	152.2	135.0	126.6	111.6	105.7	97.5	36.3	27.6	29.8
Other motor vehicles	12.2	7.6	11.8	12.2	8.7	9.2	-0.2	-12.6	27.6
Motor vehicle engines and parts	84.3	72.4	85.2	65.3	49.4	43.3	29.1	46.6	96.6
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	185.6	172.2	184.8	181.6	140.1	134.6	2.2	22.8	37.3
Other equipment and tools	73.9	58.7	84.5	64.5	50.2	64.0	14.5	16.8	32.0
Special transactions, Trade	13.5	5.6	4.8	13.7	6.0	8.9	-1.2	-6.8	-46.3
Total	3,093.4	3,061.2	3,181.5	2,888.1	2,803.2	2,880.9	7.1	9.2	10.4

Table 6 (Continued)

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Feb.-Feb. Percent Changes	
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	16.2	9.2	19.4	10.0	5.4	2.7	-16.3	260.9
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	557.1	293.9	672.3	354.2	606.2	383.5	-17.1	10.8
Meat and fish	99.3	48.0	97.8	45.6	77.6	40.5	1.5	26.0
Cereals and preparations	313.8	181.4	469.3	253.8	404.6	277.2	-33.1	16.0
Wheat	224.0	121.2	308.2	158.0	330.0	231.1	-27.3	-6.6
Crude Materials, Inedible	1,336.4	706.8	1,367.5	740.4	1,334.2	716.5	-2.2	2.5
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	347.9	207.2	289.3	151.7	302.2	165.9	20.2	-4.2
Crude petroleum	309.3	169.4	488.2	291.3	624.7	328.4	-36.6	-21.8
Natural gas	322.7	152.1	273.6	136.7	146.2	63.2	17.9	87.1
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	2,117.6	1,063.1	1,751.0	849.2	1,702.7	866.0	20.9	2.8
Wood and paper	1,086.8	541.8	836.4	406.3	880.0	435.8	29.9	-4.9
Lumber, softwood	305.4	156.8	211.5	99.6	131.5	58.0	44.4	60.8
Woodpulp and similar pulp	349.8	159.5	354.4	171.5	337.9	170.2	-1.2	4.8
Newsprint paper	323.6	166.3	175.2	84.6	330.8	168.0	84.6	-47.0
Textiles	17.1	7.1	17.8	9.8	16.0	8.1	-4.0	10.7
Chemicals	248.1	118.5	207.1	97.0	178.5	96.1	19.8	16.0
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	103.9	50.7	90.7	42.2	88.3	49.3	14.6	2.6
Petroleum and coal products	126.2	57.7	136.7	73.5	102.6	58.6	-7.6	33.2
Iron and steel	151.4	83.0	130.6	60.6	138.6	79.1	15.8	-5.7
Non-ferrous metals	345.6	192.1	308.7	149.4	285.2	139.7	11.9	8.2
Copper and alloys	80.7	44.6	87.4	42.6	92.3	37.0	-7.7	-5.3
Nickel and alloys	55.6	33.5	53.1	23.6	74.3	40.6	4.6	-28.4
End Products, Inedible	2,108.1	982.5	1,861.5	843.5	1,454.6	677.8	13.2	27.9
Industrial machinery	160.0	68.5	135.6	67.5	157.9	81.1	17.9	-14.0
Agricultural machinery and tractors	83.2	35.0	88.3	31.1	82.7	36.9	-5.7	6.7
Transportation equipment	1,575.7	748.8	1,341.0	618.4	959.6	431.3	17.5	39.7
Passenger automobiles and chassis	652.3	314.5	567.4	264.7	399.4	176.0	14.9	42.0
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	287.2	135.0	217.4	105.7	190.4	79.0	32.1	14.1
Other motor vehicles	19.8	7.6	20.9	8.7	18.9	8.0	-5.3	10.4
Motor vehicle engines and parts	156.7	72.4	114.6	49.4	54.8	27.0	36.6	109.3
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	357.7	172.2	321.6	140.1	194.1	93.2	11.2	65.7
Other equipment and tools	132.6	58.7	114.7	50.2	120.3	59.9	15.5	-4.6
Special Transactions, Trade	19.1	5.6	19.7	6.0	6.4	3.1	-2.9	209.6
Total	6,154.6	3,061.2	5,691.3	2,803.2	5,109.4	2,649.6	8.1	11.3

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

January 1977

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Employment Index Number									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Jan. 1977f	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976r	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1977f	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976p	Oct. 1976r
	1961=100									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	62.1	69.3	80.8	87.5	56.4	58.6	69.2	73.4	76.2	76.6
Mining, including milling	118.9	119.3	120.3	119.8	116.3	116.1	120.6	120.6	120.1	120.3
Manufacturing	123.8	124.7	127.4	128.6	124.1	123.3	126.8	127.1	127.0	126.7
Durable Goods	136.2	138.1	140.4	140.1	139.2	138.6	138.8	139.9	139.1	137.8
Non-durable Goods	113.8	113.9	116.9	119.2	111.9	111.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.8
Construction	93.8	102.1	117.4	122.2	101.5	107.5	109.2	116.0	112.6	109.8
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	126.9	128.8	130.7	130.6	124.4	125.1	130.2	130.6	130.4	129.3
Trade	169.9	178.7	178.3	175.0	170.6	177.0	172.1	170.9	171.6	171.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	190.3	189.0	188.7	187.5	177.7	177.5	191.9	189.6	188.8	187.6
Industrial Composite	236.3	238.2	243.4	245.4	229.0	230.9	246.7	247.2	246.5	244.5
	140.0	143.0	145.9	146.3	138.9	140.3	144.4	144.6	144.4	143.7
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	122.1	127.6	133.0	135.5	124.1	127.1	130.0	132.2	131.0	131.1
Newfoundland	122.6	129.7	136.8	139.7	119.6	124.7	133.5	136.0	133.5	132.3
Prince Edward Island	132.3	139.1	144.0	153.9	130.1	140.3	150.2	148.6	142.3	145.7
Nova Scotia	120.4	125.0	129.3	130.5	124.1	126.4	126.1	127.3	128.1	128.0
New Brunswick	123.1	128.5	133.9	137.3	126.7	128.4	131.7	133.6	131.6	133.7
Quebec	124.8	127.2	130.0	130.1	126.3	127.8	128.6	129.2	128.2	127.1
Ontario	144.0	146.7	149.4	149.4	142.6	143.2	147.4	147.4	147.8	146.8
Prairie Region	153.2	156.4	159.1	160.3	149.1	150.7	158.5	158.8	158.4	158.4
Manitoba	123.2	125.6	128.3	130.0	125.6	127.6	126.6	127.0	127.4	128.8
Saskatchewan	139.1	143.6	146.1	146.3	136.0	140.0	145.2	146.4	144.8	143.9
Alberta	184.1	187.4	190.2	191.3	174.1	174.5	190.2	190.4	190.0	189.2
British Columbia	165.3	168.1	171.3	171.9	160.6	161.9	171.4	171.6	170.6	169.6
Yukon	175.1	168.3	178.4	166.8	173.7	178.8	188.9	175.5	180.4	164.4
Northwest Territories	147.4	146.8	149.6	154.0	145.1	139.2	165.3	162.8	158.9	157.9
Canada	140.0	143.0	145.9	146.3	138.9	140.3	144.4	144.6	144.4	143.7

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
	1977f	1976p	1976p	1976r	1976	1975	1977f	1976p	1976p	1976r
dollars										
Industry Division:										
Forestry	308.92	249.31	313.22	301.31	279.03	214.18	306.59	277.20	303.89	289.30
Mining, including milling	340.31	333.67	334.16	327.29	306.10	299.20	336.14	334.04	329.94	324.98
Manufacturing	255.96	251.97	251.92	248.16	229.34	222.30	254.33	257.09	250.12	244.93
Durable Goods	272.63	268.13	269.91	264.93	245.60	236.34	271.44	277.31	267.26	259.43
Non-durable Goods	239.89	236.19	234.52	232.27	213.02	208.07	238.65	238.77	233.91	231.81
Construction	336.95	310.80	351.34	346.70	317.46	280.03	338.00	349.06	346.32	333.21
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	273.54	271.58	272.59	271.26	250.39	244.89	272.12	274.07	273.85	272.08
Trade	185.11	185.65	179.85	180.33	167.12	168.08	187.42	187.45	183.03	181.49
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	219.01	218.90	216.07	216.64	203.93	201.96	218.03	220.33	218.58	218.89
Industrial Composite	166.86	165.80	163.17	163.84	155.35	151.42	166.10	166.82	163.60	164.07
	238.25	234.49	236.46	235.03	217.03	210.43	238.13	241.27	236.22	232.73
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	215.47	209.01	210.08	207.61	193.01	185.49	212.64	214.02	210.78	206.54
Newfoundland	234.19	227.85	229.44	227.63	211.36	199.17	232.52	235.48	230.62	224.20
Prince Edward Island	185.01	175.02	184.05	176.02	166.98	158.23
Nova Scotia	204.86	200.15	200.11	198.34	183.86	177.79	202.49	206.17	201.28	198.80
New Brunswick	218.64	210.40	211.38	208.24	194.95	188.69	213.62	212.48	211.59	207.78
Quebec	232.26	230.34	231.37	228.74	211.25	205.88	231.96	236.83	230.82	226.32
Ontario	238.18	234.46	236.23	235.82	218.29	211.98	237.89	240.69	235.95	233.25
Prairie Region	235.04	231.25	233.42	232.40	212.17	205.67	236.43	236.28	233.79	231.34
Manitoba	217.59	215.45	215.01	215.82	195.33	193.10	218.79	219.33	216.05	215.24
Saskatchewan	224.47	235.72	222.76	222.73	202.04	198.96	226.39	227.59	222.76	221.36
Alberta	248.07	241.86	247.17	244.89	225.60	215.58	248.47	247.96	247.27	243.89
British Columbia	270.26	263.84	267.46	266.81	246.89	236.61	269.77	268.98	263.53	260.45
Yukon	305.02	310.50	321.28	323.60	294.99	285.19
Northwest Territories	287.41	287.89	300.75	310.62	274.79	271.92
Canada	238.25	234.49	236.46	235.03	217.03	210.43	238.13	241.27	236.22	232.73

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.)	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
	1977f	1976p	1976p	1976r	1976	1975	1977f	1976p	1976p	1976r
						number				
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	41.5	40.4	41.2	40.7	40.7	40.1	41.0	40.8	40.5	40.3
Manufacturing	38.6	38.3	39.1	38.9	38.7	37.7	38.5	39.9	38.7	38.4
Durable Goods	39.2	39.2	40.1	39.7	39.4	38.3	39.1	40.9	39.6	39.0
Non-durable Goods	37.9	37.5	38.2	38.1	38.0	37.1	38.8	38.8	38.0	37.8
Construction	36.8	34.3	39.3	39.6	38.6	35.1	37.7	39.1	39.1	38.1
Building	36.4	34.1	37.7	37.8	37.6	34.8	36.8	38.2	37.2	36.6
Engineering	37.8	34.7	42.3	42.7	41.1	35.7	39.1	41.0	42.3	40.5
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	37.9	37.9	37.5	37.1	38.5	37.2	37.3	39.6	37.7	37.2
Quebec	39.0	38.7	39.7	39.2	38.9	37.9	38.9	40.6	39.2	38.5
Ontario	38.9	38.8	39.6	39.6	39.2	38.2	38.9	40.3	39.2	39.0
Prairie Region	37.1	36.8	37.5	37.3	37.4	36.8	37.1	37.5	37.1	36.9
British Columbia	36.9	36.3	37.0	36.2	36.9	35.7	36.9	37.3	36.7	36.1
						dollars				
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	7.80	7.85	7.72	7.63	7.10	7.01	7.81	7.80	7.69	7.62
Manufacturing	6.11	6.05	5.98	5.92	5.42	5.34	6.10	6.04	5.99	5.89
Durable Goods	6.50	6.41	6.37	6.30	5.83	5.71	6.50	6.45	6.36	6.24
Non-durable Goods	5.68	5.66	5.55	5.52	4.95	4.91	5.67	5.63	5.57	5.54
Construction	9.28	8.94	9.19	8.97	8.39	7.88	9.14	9.06	9.03	8.90
Building	9.23	8.98	9.19	9.12	8.37	8.06	9.13	9.11	9.06	9.05
Engineering	9.38	8.85	9.19	8.74	8.42	7.48	9.28	9.08	9.08	8.66
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.70	5.57	5.45	5.44	4.75	4.73	5.56	5.34	5.43	5.43
Quebec	5.46	5.44	5.40	5.31	4.87	4.80	5.47	5.40	5.40	5.32
Ontario	6.21	6.13	6.07	6.02	5.55	5.45	6.18	6.14	6.07	6.00
Prairie Region	6.14	6.15	6.03	5.99	5.45	5.40	6.19	6.19	6.03	5.94
British Columbia	8.03	7.94	7.85	7.78	7.10	7.02	8.01	7.89	7.83	7.79

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Employment Indexes, (1971=100), Selected Industries, Canada
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Industry (1960 S.I.C.)	1971 percentage weights	Oct. 1976r	Nov 1976p	Dec. 1976p	Jan. 1977f
Industrial Composite	100.00	112.2	112.6	112.8	112.8
Forestry	1.21	96.4	95.9	92.3	87.1
Mining, including milling	3.16	104.7	104.5	104.9	104.9
Manufacturing	39.54	103.5	103.9	104.0	103.8
Durable Goods	19.14	104.0	104.9	105.4	104.7
Non-Durable Goods	20.39	103.3	102.8	102.7	102.8
Construction	5.85	95.8	98.2	101.2	95.4
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	16.01	112.9	112.9	113.1	112.7
Transportation	9.53	104.3	104.8	104.4	..
Storage	0.38	100.8	97.6	96.1	..
Communication	3.96	131.7	131.6	132.3	..
Electric Power, Gas and Water	2.15	118.9	119.2	119.4	..
Trade	17.58	121.5	121.5	121.1	121.9
Wholesale Trade	5.84	118.6	118.3	119.3	118.1
Retail Trade	11.73	123.1	122.8	122.3	123.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6.65	128.9	129.9	130.4	132.1
Service	10.01	132.1	133.2	133.5	133.2
Recreational Services	1.04	131.0	134.2	130.1	..
Business Services	2.31	141.8	142.6	141.2	..
Personal Services	4.68	125.8	127.2	128.2	..

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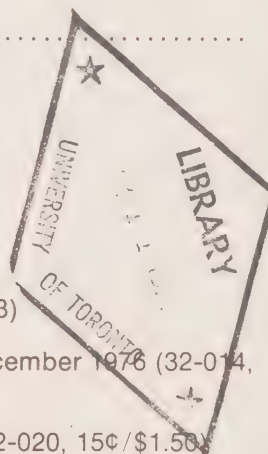
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Real Domestic Product, January 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product remained relatively unchanged in January at a level of 125.0 compared to 124.9 in December. The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased 0.2%. Output of goods-producing industries declined 0.3% while service-producing industries rose 0.3%.

In goods-producing industries, agriculture, forestry and mining declined. Manufacturing, construction, utilities and fishing and trapping each recorded increases. In agriculture, lower crop estimates for 1977 compared to 1976 were mainly responsible for the decline. The decrease in mining was due to a sharp decline in production of crude petroleum. In manufacturing, non-durables increased 0.6% while durables remained unchanged. The increase in non-durables manufacturing was due mainly to output increases in food and beverages, tobacco products, paper and allied industries, petroleum and coal products, and chemical and chemical products industries. In durables manufacturing, significant increases were recorded in the wood industries and primary metals industries. These increases were offset by significant declines in the transportation equipment, electrical products and non-metallic mineral products industries.

In service-producing industries, increases were recorded in almost all components. In transportation, storage and communication, the communication component increased, but transportation and storage declined primarily because of declines in railway transport, pipeline transport and grain elevators. In trade, both wholesale and retail trade were up, due to increases for wholesale merchants, wholesalers of petroleum products and motor vehicle dealers. The only significant decline in retail trade occurred in food stores (coinciding with a sharp increase in the consumer price index for food). Finance, insurance and real estate, and community, business and personal services recorded moderate increases. Public administration and defence declined slightly due to decreases throughout federal, provincial and local administration.

For further information, order the January issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)*, (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Particle Board, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 39,419,000 sq. ft. (3 662 000 m²) 5/8" (15.9 mm.) basis of particle board in January 1977 compared to 38,768,000 sq. ft. (3 602 000 m²) in January 1976, an increase of 1.7%.

For further information, order the January issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Battery Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Canadian battery manufacturers shipped \$109 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 12.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 26.2% to \$71 million, the number of employees increased 6.5% to 2,755 and total salaries and wages increased 20.3% to \$28 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj. Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Battery Manufacturers, 1975* (43-208, 70¢).

Thread Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Thread mills shipped \$28.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 1.7% to \$15.4 million, the number of employees increased 0.3% to 1,015 and total salaries and wages increased 18.7% to \$9.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Textile Industries, 1975* (34-210, \$1.05).

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	Oct.	1976 Nov.	Dec.	1977 Jan.	% Change
Real Domestic Product	100.000	123.6	124.2	124.9	125.0	0.1
Agriculture	3.371	94.1	94.0	94.0	84.6	-10.0
Forestry	.715	112.5	113.2	117.3	112.6	-4.0
Fishing and Trapping	.181	89.3	81.9	77.5	78.4	1.2
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.9	113.3	113.0	110.6	-2.1
Manufacturing industries	22.862	117.4	118.5	119.5	120.2	0.6
Construction industry	6.990	113.6	113.2	114.9	116.0	1.0
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	131.1	131.5	132.1	132.9	0.6
Transportation	5.874	121.5	121.6	122.9	122.9	—
Air transport and services incidental to						
Air transport	.679	169.8	168.8	180.6	182.8	1.2
Railway transport	1.700	114.8	113.8	113.1	111.8	-1.1
Bus transport, interurban and rural	.089	130.0	126.1	123.9	118.0	-4.8
Urban transit systems	.250	119.0	115.7	113.9	121.8	6.9
Pipeline transport	.489	125.4	134.3	134.2	127.1	-5.3
Storage	.258	95.6	97.8	87.6	85.1	-2.9
Grain elevators	.177	88.4	91.6	76.6	73.1	-4.6
Communication	2.964	153.2	154.2	154.2	156.8	1.7
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	141.2	143.3	146.4	147.2	0.5
Trade	11.367	133.6	133.8	135.6	136.5	0.7
Wholesale trade	4.509	123.4	124.5	124.6	126.1	1.2
Wholesale merchants	3.242	125.7	125.5	125.5	126.7	1.0
Retail trade	6.858	140.3	139.9	142.8	143.3	0.4
Food stores	1.368	118.3	118.1	118.0	116.2	-1.5
General merchandise stores	1.562	143.9	139.9	141.2	142.1	0.6
Department stores	.927	164.3	162.6	165.0	165.4	0.2
Other general merchandise stores	.635	114.1	106.9	106.5	108.1	1.5
Motor vehicle dealers	.697	154.9	152.6	163.1	167.2	2.5
Clothing stores	.462	134.2	132.0	140.5	140.6	0.1
Hardware stores	.098	121.6	120.0	122.6	126.6	3.3
Furniture, television, radio and						
appliance stores	.177	141.7	148.9	145.2	144.3	-0.6
Drug stores	.290	163.4	174.3	181.5	175.1	-3.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	130.6	131.3	132.2	132.5	0.2
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	125.9	126.4	126.3	126.7	0.3
Education and related services	6.509	114.5	114.7	115.0	115.5	0.4
Health and welfare services	5.272	129.8	130.4	130.9	131.2	0.2
Amusement and recreation services	.427	150.1	151.8	151.6	151.3	-0.2
Services to business management	2.311	134.3	135.0	135.0	135.7	0.5
Personal services	1.000	106.9	107.1	107.0	107.5	0.5
Accommodation and food services	2.799	138.9	140.1	137.4	137.9	0.4
Public administration and defence	7.388	124.4	124.7	124.7	124.3	-0.3
Special groupings:						
Index of industrial production	29.497	119.2	120.2	121.2	121.5	0.2
Real domestic product less agriculture	96.629	124.7	125.2	126.0	126.4	0.3
Goods-producing industries	40.754	115.9	116.6	117.6	117.2	-0.3
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	37.383	117.9	118.6	119.8	120.1	0.3
Service-producing industries	59.246	128.9	129.4	130.0	130.4	0.3
Commercial industries	81.341	124.8	125.4	126.3	126.4	0.1
Commercial industries less agriculture	77.970	126.1	126.7	127.7	128.2	0.4
Non-commercial industries	18.659	118.4	118.8	118.9	118.9	—
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	118.1	117.0	117.0	118.3	1.1
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	116.7	120.1	122.1	122.1	—

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Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for January are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Imports by Commodities* (65-007, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Imports by Commodities, December 1976 (65-007, 80¢/\$8)

Employment, Earnings and Hours, December 1976 (72-002, 70¢/\$7)

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Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 31, Pack of Processed Cauliflower, 1976

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended March 14

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,455,971	2,055,179	4,511,150
Short tons, 1976	2,422,136	1,660,392	4,082,528
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 228 019	1 864 427	4 092 446
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 197 325	1 506 282	3 703 607
% change	1.4	23.8	10.5
Cars, 1977	41,866	31,324	73,190
Cars, 1976	41,349	26,174	67,523
% change	1.3	19.7	8.4
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	169,372	59,372	228,744
Short tons, 1976	124,863	49,989	174,852
Metric tonnes, 1977	153 652	53 861	207 513
Metric tonnes, 1976	113 274	45 349	158 623
% change	35.6	18.8	30.8
Cars, 1977	5,223	2,545	7,768
Cars, 1976	4,318	2,088	6,406
% change	21.0	21.9	21.3
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	22,609,234	20,925,909	43,535,143
Short tons, 1976	22,216,192	19,118,438	41,334,630
Metric tonnes, 1977	20 510 752	18 983 665	39 494 417
Metric tonnes, 1976	20 154 190	17 343 955	37 498 145
% change	1.8	9.5	5.3
Cars, 1977	382,068	318,929	700,997
Cars, 1976	381,924	301,853	683,777
% change	—	5.7	2.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	1,586,012	561,317	2,147,329
Short tons, 1976	1,280,050	501,613	1,781,663
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 438 806	509 218	1 948 024
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 161 242	455 056	1 616 298
% change	23.9	11.9	20.5
Cars, 1977	47,897	24,301	72,198
Cars, 1976	42,925	21,106	64,031
% change	11.6	15.1	12.8

* Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Carload and non-carload freight originating on lines in Canada in February totalled 17.5 million short tons (15.9 million t), an increase of 3.5% over February 1976. Traffic received from United States connections declined by 12.1%.

On a commodity basis, February loadings of forest products continued to show fairly significant increases in comparison with last year, reflecting again

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the labour problems of that industry in 1976. Sulphur movements increased 116.0% and loadings of fertilizers (excluding potash) advanced 114.9%.

In the first two months of 1977, rail freight loadings totalled 34.5 million short tons (31.3 million t) of carload and non-carload freight, an increase of 3.5% over January-February 1976. Among commodities showing notable increases during the latest period were pulpwood, fertilizers and sulphur. Shipments of phosphate rock declined.

For further information, order the February issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended March 14, 1977 —
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Railways loaded 4.5 million short tons (4.1 million t) in the above seven days, 10.5% more than in the comparable 1976 week. East of Thunder Bay and Armstrong, originating freight was up 1.4% in the current period, while West of these points traffic advanced 23.8%. The total number of cars loaded was 73,190, an increase of 8.4% and the average number of tons per car was 61.6 compared to 60.5.

Container-trailer movements (piggyback) accounted for 228,744 short tons (207 513 t) in the most recent week, 30.8% above the year-earlier level. Eastern shipments (which represented 74.0% of total piggyback) were up 35.6%, while in the West an 18.8% gain was recorded.

In the three and one-half months since January 1, Canadian carload traffic rose 5.3% from 1976 to 43.5 million short tons (39.5 million t).

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton (2,000 lbs.) equals 907.184 74 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Asbestos, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 132,482 short tons in February from 127,188 short tons in February 1976. This brought 1977 shipments to 254,338 short tons from 249,375 in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Salt, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 723,264 short tons in February from 726,403 short tons in February 1976. This brought 1977 output to 1,430,857 short tons from 1,390,944 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Vegetable Oil Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Vegetable oil mills shipped \$289.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 2.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 11.7% to \$31.1 million, the number of employees decreased 2.4% to 730 and total salaries and wages increased 13.5% to \$8.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Vegetable Oil Mills, 1975* (32-223, 70¢).

Miscellaneous Clothing Industries (N.E.S.), 1975 —
Advance Information.

Miscellaneous clothing industries (N.E.S.) shipped \$24.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 8.2% to 13.7 million, the number of employees decreased 6.9% to 1,059 and total salaries and wages increased 4.3% to \$7.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-218, 70¢).

Frozen Fruit and Vegetable Processors, 1975 —
Advance Information.

The frozen fruit and vegetable processing industry shipped \$205.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 12.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 7.1% to \$81.9 million, the number of employees increased 1.5% to 3,912 and total salaries and wages increased 18.5% to \$31.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries, 1975* (32-218, 70¢).

Shoe Factories, 1975 — Advance Information.

The shoe factories industry shipped \$353.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 8.4% to \$179.8 million, the number of employees increased 2.7% to 16,860 and total salaries and wages increased 13.1% to \$119.2 million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Shoe Factories and Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975* (33-203, 70¢).

Electric Lamp and Shade Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of electric lamps and shades shipped \$42.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 1.0% to \$21.7 million, the number of employees decreased 7.2% to 1,791 and total salaries and wages increased 5.7% to \$12.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Electric Lamp and Shade Manufacturers, 1975* (35-214, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 26, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 26 was 307,115 short tons (278 610 t), a decrease of 0.7% from the preceding week's total of

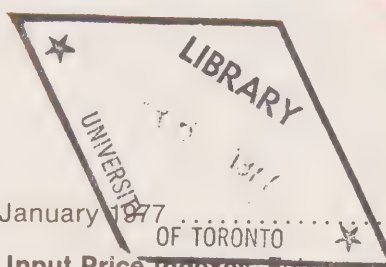
309,429 short tons (280 709 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 266,415 tons (241 688 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 167.6 in the current week, 168.9 a week earlier and 145.4 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Hardboard, February 1977 (36-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Dairy Factory Production, February 1977 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

January 1977 — Advance Information

	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	45	—	—	—	45	139	1	133	152	425
Prince Edward Island	4	2	—	—	6	6	2	—	6	14
Nova Scotia	133	10	14	39	196	235	18	—	33	286
New Brunswick	21	2	—	10	33	164	4	—	163	331
Quebec	1,504	104	25	2,100	3,733	1,605	133	55	1,248	3,041
Ontario	797	414	841	1,130	3,182	1,456	470	1,245	2,027	5,198
Manitoba	178	115	37	146	476	321	38	66	177	602
Saskatchewan	244	20	—	194	458	326	24	—	370	720
Alberta	466	52	137	193	848	885	76	274	404	1,639
British Columbia	772	166	366	1,189	2,493	1,191	160	224	733	2,308
Canada	4,164	885	1,420	5,001	11,470	6,328	926	1,997	5,313	14,564
Metropolitan Areas	250	30	17	32	329	155	44	—	16	215
Calgary	117	16	—	—	133	118	8	—	—	126
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	165	16	120	123	424	461	20	263	332	1,076
Edmonton	71	10	14	27	122	124	18	—	—	142
Halifax	72	18	117	—	207	108	66	266	286	726
Hamilton	14	—	—	85	99	97	8	11	31	147
Hull	53	16	54	463	586	142	34	80	28	284
Kitchener	98	30	117	72	317	84	32	142	—	258
London	829	74	18	1,690	2,611	778	106	39	1,111	2,034
Montreal	7	30	42	—	79	52	17	136	—	205
Ottawa	16	2	—	—	18	15	14	94	—	123
Quebec	203	12	7	38	260	227	8	—	59	294
Regina	109	6	—	—	115	117	18	—	235	370
St. Catharines-Niagara	33	—	—	—	33	127	10	20	—	157
Saint-John	13	2	—	4	19	64	2	—	148	214
St. John's	42	—	—	—	42	101	1	133	152	387
Saskatoon	81	—	—	72	153	117	4	—	135	256
Sudbury	14	4	—	—	18	43	28	—	—	71
Thunder Bay	57	8	—	—	65	73	—	9	181	263
Toronto	163	200	334	330	1,027	286	194	289	1,053	1,822
Vancouver	427	102	314	619	1,462	649	57	143	487	1,336
Victoria	47	14	—	393	454	138	30	44	212	424
Windsor	49	—	—	—	49	86	6	11	—	103
Winnipeg	173	113	37	146	469	262	35	66	177	540
Sub-Total	3,103	703	1,191	4,094	9,091	4,424	760	1,746	4,643	11,573
Major Urban Areas	381	64	66	195	706	545	64	176	268	1,053
Other areas 10,000 +	680	118	163	712	1,673	1,359	102	75	402	1,938
All Areas 10,000 +	4,164	885	1,420	5,001	11,470	6,328	926	1,997	5,313	14,564

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, January 1977 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Motor Vehicle Production, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of passenger cars totalled 96,363 units in February compared to 95,120 units in February 1976. January to February production was 194,649 units compared to 194,039 units a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 47,222 units compared to 40,780. Year-to-date production was 93,701 units compared to 79,644 units.

For further information, order the February issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Fruit and Vegetable Preservations, Pack Data, 1976 — Advance Information.

Data on the Quebec and Canada pack of corn and peas for 1976 which were not published when data for the other provinces were released are now available and will be published shortly. Meanwhile these data may be obtained by contacting Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price IndexesFebruary 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	% Change	
				Feb./77 Jan./77	Feb./77 Feb./76
Canada, Total	168.1	167.5	154.2	0.3	9.0
Materials	158.8	158.1	149.3	0.4	6.4
Labour	184.5	184.3	163.0	0.2	13.2
Atlantic Provinces, Total	179.4	178.7	162.2	0.4	10.6
Materials	163.4	162.4	151.4	0.6	7.9
Labour	207.0	207.0	180.9	—	14.4
Quebec, Total	168.5	168.2	157.4	0.2	7.1
Materials	162.8	162.3	154.6	0.3	5.3
Labour	179.3	179.3	162.6	—	10.3
Ontario, Total	163.6	163.2	150.4	0.3	8.8
Materials	155.3	154.6	147.1	0.4	5.6
Labour	177.8	177.8	155.9	—	14.0
Prairie Provinces, Total	176.5	175.4	159.2	0.6	10.9
Materials	160.4	159.7	148.4	0.5	8.1
Labour	207.9	206.0	180.2	0.9	15.4
British Columbia, Total	167.1	166.4	152.4	0.4	9.6
Materials	160.5	159.4	148.0	0.7	8.4
Labour	178.8	178.8	160.1	—	11.7

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Sales Financing, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales finance companies purchased \$181.4 million of retail finance paper in January, a decrease of 2.8% compared with the \$186.6 million purchased in January 1976. The total purchases comprised \$41.0 million for passenger cars, \$25.4 million for other consumer goods, \$69.8 million for commercial vehicles and \$45.1 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the fourth quarter of 1976 amounted to \$1,810.4 million, a decrease of 7.7% from the \$1,961.1 million financed during the corresponding period in 1975.

For further information, order the January issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Hardwood Flooring Plants, 1975 — Advance Information.

The hardwood flooring industry shipped \$13.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 6.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 37.7% to \$6.5 million, the number of employees decreased 40.3% to 607 and total salaries and wages decreased 33% to \$4.6 million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-92-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Sash, Door and other Millwork Plants, 1975* (35-205, \$1.05).

Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Motor vehicle manufacturers shipped \$6,024.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 12.1% to \$1,758.0 million, the number of employees decreased 8.4% to 45,256 and total salaries and wages decreased 1.6% to \$668.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975* (42-209, 70¢).

The Dairy Review, February 1977 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,106,383,000 pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in January, 9.6% less than January 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Agricultural Implements Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The agricultural implements industry shipped \$762.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 33.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 28.8% to \$358.7 million, the number of employees increased 9.4% to 16,629 and total salaries and wages increased 25.0% to \$205.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj. Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Agricultural Implements Industry, 1975* (42-202, 70¢).

Women's Clothing Contractors, 1975 — Advance Information.

The women's clothing contracting industry shipped \$800,000 worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 31.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 9.5% to 69.9 million, the number of employees decreased 6.8% to 9,595 and total salaries and wages increased 11.1% to \$57.4 million. Almost all the value added in this industry is attributable to work done for others.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Women's and Children's Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-217, \$1.05).

Public Warehousing, 1975 — Advance Information.

Total operating revenue of \$143.5 million was reported by 255 public warehousing firms in Canada for 1975, an increase of 29.4% over the total of \$110.9 million reported by 222 firms for 1974. Net profit after income taxes, however, decreased by nearly \$2 million to \$5.97 million in 1975 from \$7.89 million in 1974.

Total storage capacity was reported at 34.0 million square feet (3.2 million m²), up 31.2% from 25.9 million square feet (2.4 million m²) in 1974. Measured in terms of volume, the 1975 capacity totalled 551.2 million cubic feet (15.6 million m³).

For further information, contact Mr. R. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	To Date		% Change From	
				1977	1976	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976
Benefits							
Gross amount (\$000)	397,031	272,186	343,297	397,031	343,297	46	16
Net amount(1) (\$000)	395,158	270,848	341,825	395,158	341,825	46	16
Weeks of benefit (000)	3,948	2,787	3,746	3,948	3,746	42	5
Average weekly benefit (\$)	100.56	97.65	91.63	100.56	91.63	3	10
Claims received (000)	267	304	277	267	277	-12	-4
Beneficiaries (000)	878p	719p	878	878p	878	22	—

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

.. Figures not available

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

— Amount too small to be expressed.

Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

For further information order the January 1977 issue of *Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-P) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, January 1977.

Persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit in January totalled 878,000, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Five percent of the beneficiaries reported some earnings from employment.

Net unemployment insurance benefits paid in January rose to \$395 million, an increase of 16% from January 1976. A comparison with December 1976 shows an increase of 46% in net benefit paid, a somewhat lower percentage rise than the average advance observed between these two months in the preceding five years. The average weekly benefit reached \$100.56 in January, up 10% from a year earlier. (The annual adjustment for 1977 raised the maximum weekly benefit to \$147 from \$133 in 1976).

Claims received by U.I.C. offices numbered 267,000, down 12% from December and 4% fewer than in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-P) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 34,033 in February compared to 39,211 in February 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 92,285 units, down from 102,170. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 15,069 from 35,552 and month-end stocks increased to 57,585 from 34,935.

For further information, order the February issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001,

15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Estimates of Production and Disappearance of Meats, 1973 — Advance Information.

Disappearance of red meats in 1976 was 174.4 pounds per capita compared to 164.7 pounds (revised) in 1975. Increases in per capita disappearance occurred in beef, pork and offal. Veal and mutton and lamb were down 9% and 14%, respectively.

Per capita disappearance of red meats in Canada in 1976, with revised 1975 figures in brackets and changes between the two years (all figures in pounds):

- Beef, 110.4 (102.1) 8.3.
- Veal, 4.9 (5.4) -0.5.
- Pork, 53.1 (50.9) 2.2.
- Mutton and lamb, 2.4 (2.8) -0.4.
- Offal, 3.6 (3.5) 0.1.
- Total, 174.4 (164.7) 9.7.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of *Estimates of Meat Production and Disappearance of Meats* (32-220, 35¢), or contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

March 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Mar. 25/77 This week	Mar. 18/77 Week ago	Feb. 25/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	102.7	103.5	101.3
Industrials	85	103.5	104.1	101.2
Foods	9	83.8	84.0	83.6
Alcoholic beverages	5	80.4	79.9	79.1
Textiles and clothing	3	112.6	115.0	113.4
Pulp and paper	7	138.4	139.8	129.4
Printing and publishing	5	105.6	104.1	100.5
Primary metals	4	109.4	108.3	106.3
Industrial mines	6	96.2	97.8	92.9
Metal fabricating	9	180.4	183.9	179.4
Non-metallic minerals	4	85.2	85.5	84.1
Petroleum	8	98.4	99.4	100.1
Chemicals	5	111.3	110.3	108.3
Construction	5	218.9	219.7	224.3
Trade	15	82.2	80.9	78.8
Utilities and services	28	94.6	95.0	94.1
Transportation	6	127.4	129.4	123.3
Pipelines	5	82.2	82.1	80.7
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	98.5	101.2	105.4
Telephone	4	98.0	96.9	97.7
Electric power	3	119.7	120.1	124.5
Gas distribution	5	70.6	71.8	71.8
Finances	21	111.4	113.1	112.6
Banks	8	113.8	115.6	115.5
Investment and loan	9	105.5	107.7	106.8
Insurance	4	106.6	104.7	100.3
Mining Index	17	116.7	114.7	112.7
Gold	9	216.7	210.7	210.8
Base metals	8	68.7	68.6	65.7
Uraniums	2	186.8	181.6	181.2
Primary oils and gas index	5	102.9	102.6	102.9

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,346,027,000 square feet (125 050 000 m²) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in February, an increase of 1.4% over the 1,327,413,000 square feet (123 321 000 m²) in February 1976.

January-February shipments totalled 2,653,390,000 square feet (246 507 000 m²) in 1977 compared to 2,586,896,000 square feet (240 330 000 m²) in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Cement, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for January totalled 353,219 short tons — 320 435 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 71,988 tons — 65 306 t (metric tonnes) and in Ontario 105,906 tons — 96 076 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact John Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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University Teachers' Salaries

The first edition of *Salaries of Full-time Teaching Staff at Canadian Universities, 1976-77* is now available. For further information, contact Patty Brady (613-995-1105), Post-Secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Canadian Statistical Review, February 1977 (11-003E, 70¢/\$7)

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Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 2, Intended Acreage of Principal Field Crops —
Available April 1, 1977 at 3 p.m. E.S.T. (22-002E, \$5.60 for series of 20)

Provincial Government Employment, October-December 1976 (72-007, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Retail Trade, January 1977 (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50)

Cheques Cashed, January 1977 (61-001, 30¢/\$3)

Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics, January 1977 (24-002, 40¢/\$4)

The Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry, 1975 (26-213, 70¢)

Oils and Fats, January 1977 (32-006, 30¢/\$3)

Particle Board, January 1977 (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Bread and Other Bakery Products, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (32-015, 35¢/\$1.40)

Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, January 1977 (41-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, January 1977 (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletin:

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, \$1.40 per year). Vol. 6, No. 2, Floor Tiles, February 1977

Cane and Beet Sugar Processors, 1975 — Advance Information.

Cane and beet sugar processors shipped \$737.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 50.0% to \$108.0 million, the number of employees decreased 1.8% to 2,780 and total salaries and wages increased 14.8% to \$35.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Cane and Beet Sugar Processors, 1975* (32-222, 70¢).

Radio Air Time Sales, November 1976 — Advance Information.

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$7.4 million in November, an increase of 13.8% from \$6.5 million in November 1975. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$6.3 million, up 12.5% from \$5.6 million.

Net local air-time sales rose 18.8% to \$15.8 million in November from \$13.3 million a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportations and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Highway Construction Price Indexes

Revised indexes for highway construction are now available on a 1971 base. Annual figures are available to fiscal year 1975/76 and can be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 120. For further information, order the March issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Electric Utility Construction Price Indexes

Revised indexes for five classes of electric utility construction are now available on a 1971 base. Annual figures are available to 1976 and can be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 118. For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Quarterly Report* (62-008, \$5.60 per year), or contact Mr. L. Swain (613-994-9484), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, January 1977 — Advance Information.

The export price index and, more notably, the import price index were up substantially in January, largely as a result of seasonal fluctuations in commodity weights.

Import volume declined in January, though remaining at about the average level for the fourth quarter of 1976. Export volume regained the third-quarter level with strong recoveries in both December and January from the low levels of October and November.

For further information, order the February issue of the *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes**Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities**

Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1975		
III Quarter	159.6	174.9
IV Quarter	155.8	177.0
1976		
I Quarter	157.9	178.0
II Quarter	158.1	176.8
III Quarter	158.6	178.6
IV Quarter	157.8	178.2
1976		
August	160.4	179.5
September	154.2	174.8
October	156.2	179.4
November	157.2	176.2
December	159.8	179.7
1977		
January	167.5	182.6

Volume Indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices

Seasonally Adjusted

(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1975		
III Quarter	140.0	106.1
IV Quarter	142.6	107.1
1976		
I Quarter	150.1	116.5
II Quarter	152.8	121.0
III Quarter	152.8	126.1
IV Quarter	149.5	116.8
1976		
August	152.9	126.9
September	155.7	131.8
October	140.0	112.3
November	152.8	114.4
December	155.7	123.8
1977		
January	150.9	128.5

Men's Clothing Contractors, 1975 — Advance Information.

The men's clothing contracting industry shipped \$200,000 worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 50% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 10.2% to \$58.9 million, the number of employees decreased 5.3% to 7,601 and total salaries and wages increased 10.2% to \$48.4 million. Almost all value added in this industry is based on work done for other establishments.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Men's Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-216, 70¢).

Poultry Processors, 1975 — Advance Information.

Poultry processors shipped \$562.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 42.3% to \$148.0 million, the number of employees decreased 11.5% to 7,901 and total salaries and wages increased 6.6% to \$68.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Poultry Processors, 1975* (32-227, 70¢).

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,023 units in February, up from 28,689 in February 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,629 units compared to 7,474. Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 26,084 units compared to 25,105. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 725 units compared to 1,021.

For further information, order the February issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stoves and Ranges, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in February increased 18% to 36,512 units from 30,941 in February 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased 45.6% to 97,660 units from 67,068.

For further information, order the February issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Furniture Re-Upholstering and Repair Shops, 1975 — Advance Information.

Furniture re-upholstering and repair shops shipped \$51.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 5.6% to \$24.2 million, the number of employees decreased 3.0% to 2,337 and total salaries and wages increased 6.9% to \$15.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Household Furniture Manufacturers, 1975* (36-211, \$1.05).

Television Receiving Sets, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of television sets in February were 27,701 colour sets and 2,299 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 28,716 and 3,946.

For further information, order the February issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Exports by Commodities, January 1977 (65-004, 80¢/\$8)

Industries, Introduction to Volume III, Part 4, 1971 Census of Canada (94-738, 50¢)

Salt, February 1977 (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50)

The Wheat Review, November 1976 (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50)

Asbestos, February 1977 (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 (61-205, \$1.05)

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

February 1977

(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Feb.* 1977	Index Jan.* 1977	Feb. 1976	Percentage Change Feb./77 Jan./77	Feb./77 Feb./76
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	168.0	166.9	158.6	0.7	5.9
SIC Major Groups:						
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	179.6	177.5	172.7	1.2	4.0
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	144.8	144.9	137.9	-0.1	5.0
4. Leather Industries	0.9	168.0	166.8	155.6	0.7	8.0
5. Textile Industries	3.5	146.7	146.2	140.5	0.3	4.4
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	129.1	128.8	123.4	0.2	4.6
8. Wood Industries	4.7	176.4	175.1	163.3	0.7	8.0
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	168.5	168.5	160.3	—	5.1
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	190.3	189.3	179.4	0.5	6.1
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	179.2	176.7	163.7	1.4	9.5
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	166.0	165.4	159.7	0.4	3.9
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	156.0	155.5	149.0	0.3	4.7
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	142.9	142.6	138.8	0.2	3.0
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	172.7	169.0	157.9	2.2	9.4
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	226.9	226.5	200.6	0.2	13.1
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	172.0	171.4	164.5	0.4	4.6
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	144.7	144.1	135.7	0.4	6.6

* These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 168.0 in February, up 0.7% from the revised January level of 166.9 and 5.9% higher than the February 1976 index of 158.6. Price increases in food and beverage industries, primary metal industries and non-metallic mineral products industries contributed most to the over-all February rise.

The food and beverage index rose 1.2% in February, reflecting higher prices for miscellaneous food processors (4.7%), slaughtering and meat processors (1.1%) and feeds (1.5%). Primary metal industries increased 1.4% as indexes rose 1.6% for iron and steel mills and 1.4% for smelting and refining. The index for non-metallic mineral products rose 2.2%, due mainly to price increases of 5.6% for glass and glass products manufacturers and 3.3% for cement manufacturers.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 6,043,182 phonograph records in February, up from 5,840,397 in February 1976.

Production of pre-recorded tapes (8 track cartridges and cassettes only) increased to 1,299,372 from 1,111,451.

For further information, order the February issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin* (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, February 1977 — Advance Information.

In February, packers, dealers and tanners held 269,660 cattle hides, down from 277,174 a year earlier, and 84,544 calf and kip skins, down from 137,067. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 163,844 from 216,447 and wettings decreased to 345,574 from 407,739.

For further information, order the February issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production decreased 6.6% to 33.2 million dozen in February from 35.6 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased 1.5% to 23.1 million from 23.5 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased 5.1% to 1,724 from 1,817. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 4.4% to 65.9¢ a dozen from 63.1¢ a dozen.

For further information, order the February issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Building Permits

January 1977 — Advance Information

	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
Newfoundland	19	—	19	664	—	308	—	972
Prince Edward Island	38	—	38	1,094	1	74	11	1,180
Nova Scotia	102	28	130	3,848	89	1,659	2,905	8,501
New Brunswick	20	38	58	1,485	333	2,235	527	4,580
Quebec	527	1,038	1,565	37,295	8,374	21,974	15,010	82,653
Ontario	544	1,968	2,512	74,524	16,135	29,986	7,714	128,359
Manitoba	111	421	532	15,894	770	4,012	3,597	24,273
Saskatchewan	136	267	403	10,093	649	6,284	1,561	18,587
Alberta	503	1,238	1,741	50,683	8,595	25,258	19,178	103,714
British Columbia	914	977	1,891	58,681	6,087	22,757	9,279	96,804
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	8	—	8	235	—	7	—	242
Canada — Unadjusted	2,922	5,975	8,897	254,496	41,033	114,554	59,782	469,865
Canada — Adjusted	7,156	10,342	17,498	549,223	74,728	185,617	106,887	916,455
Metropolitan Areas	1,543	4,788	6,331	183,331	24,799	83,438	46,798	338,366
Calgary	145	223	368	8,371	856	4,552	1,411	15,190
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	7	—	7	572	—	407	40	1,019
Edmonton	157	820	977	29,441	635	13,170	14,796	58,042
Halifax	47	28	75	2,223	9	1,244	—	3,476
Hamilton	20	2	22	1,137	221	719	269	2,346
Hull	4	51	55	2,117	3,076	166	1,370	6,729
Kitchener	38	297	335	5,437	408	1,033	325	7,203
London	45	14	59	1,742	62	1,593	17	3,414
Montréal	220	790	1,010	20,940	4,077	18,903	12,035	55,955
Ottawa	2	227	229	4,641	32	1,163	2,174	8,010
Québec	111	78	189	5,653	402	585	499	7,139
Regina	33	—	33	1,284	367	1,866	332	3,849
St. Catharines-Niagara	36	13	49	1,779	758	752	207	3,496
Saint-John	—	14	14	429	98	81	70	678
St. John's	8	—	8	369	—	250	—	619
Saskatoon	59	60	119	2,636	179	2,982	1,203	7,000
Sudbury	3	2	5	214	—	86	20	320
Thunder Bay	8	—	8	850	31	562	3	1,446
Toronto	69	1,051	1,120	40,960	7,955	13,477	2,867	65,259
Vancouver	342	661	1,003	31,960	3,742	13,735	4,166	53,603
Victoria	73	82	155	5,580	658	922	1,021	8,181
Windsor	36	4	40	1,573	478	1,340	561	3,952
Winnipeg	80	371	451	13,423	755	3,850	3,412	21,440

Preliminary figures.

For further information order *Building Permits*, January (64-001, 70¢/\$7).**Building Permits, January 1977 — Advance Information.**

Building permits, seasonally adjusted, decreased 8.0% to \$916 million in January from \$996 million in December 1976. Permits for all categories of building construction were lower: residential at \$549 million (\$598 million in December); industrial at \$75 million (\$86 million); commercial at \$186 million (\$203 million); and institutional at \$107 million (\$108 million).

Residential permits (which are indicative of potential housing starts) confirmed in January the downturn observed in December with 210,000 units, seasonally adjusted at an annual rate. In December 1976,

residential permits were at a rate of 248,000 units while in November the rate was 267,200.

Among non-residential categories, Industrial projects showed the largest decrease in January, 13.2%, followed by commercial projects, which dropped 8.8%.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended March 21

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,542,312	2,153,345	4,695,657
Short tons, 1976	2,397,286	1,766,700	4,163,986
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 306 347	1 953 482	4 259 829
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 174 781	1 602 723	3 777 504
% change	6.0	21.9	12.8
Cars, 1977	42,040	32,289	74,329
Cars, 1976	40,341	26,770	67,111
% change	4.2	20.6	10.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	162,388	61,216	223,604
Short tons, 1976	105,334	49,118	154,452
Metric tonnes, 1977	147 316	55 534	202 850
Metric tonnes, 1976	95 557	44,559	140 116
% change	54.2	24.6	44.8
Cars, 1977	4,932	2,645	7,577
Cars, 1976	3,868	2,048	5,916
% change	27.5	29.2	28.1
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	25,151,546	23,079,254	48,230,800
Short tons, 1976	24,613,478	20,885,138	45,498,616
Metric tonnes, 1977	22 817 099	20 937 147	43 754 246
Metric tonnes, 1976	22 328 972	18 946 678	41 275 650
% change	2.2	10.5	6.0
Cars, 1977	424,108	351,218	775,326
Cars, 1976	422,265	328,623	750,888
% change	0.4	6.9	3.3
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	1,748,400	622,533	2,370,933
Short tons, 1976	1,385,384	550,731	1,936,115
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 586 122	564 752	2 150 874
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 256 799	499 615	1 756 414
% change	26.2	13.0	22.5
Cars, 1977	52,829	26,946	79,775
Cars, 1976	46,793	23,154	69,947
% change	12.9	16.4	14.1

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended March 21, 1977 —
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Revenue freight loaded in Canada in the above seven days was up 12.8% over the corresponding 1976 week to 4.7 million short tons (4.3 million t). The volume of goods loaded east of Thunder Bay and Armstrong increased 6.0%, while west of those points a gain of 21.9% was recorded. The number of cars loaded increased 10.8% to 74,329.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 44.8% in the most recent week; shipments were 54.2% higher in the East and were up 24.6% in the West.

From January 1 to March 21, 1977, rail carload traffic at 48.2 million short tons (43.8 million t) was 6.0% ahead of the 1976 pace; cars loaded were up 3.3%; and piggyback shipments were 22.5% higher.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price IndexesFebruary 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	% Change	
				Feb./77 Jan./77	Feb./77 Feb./76
Total Index	172.5	172.1	158.6	0.2	8.8
Materials	160.5	159.9	152.7	0.4	5.1
Steel and Metal Work	171.5	171.3	168.8	0.1	1.6
Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	148.6	147.2	138.8	1.0	7.1
Electrical Equipment	151.9	151.9	144.0	—	5.5
Concrete Products	179.7	178.9	164.9	0.4	9.0
Lumber and Lumber Products	165.2	165.9	160.7	-0.4	2.8
Other	154.8	154.3	147.6	0.3	4.9
Labour	185.8	185.6	165.1	0.1	12.5

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Union Wage Rate Indexes, including selected pay supplements are now available for February 1977.

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Financial Flows

Additional advance information on financial flows for the fourth quarter of 1976, for selected sectors, is now available.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Consumer Credit, January 1977 (61-004, 30¢/\$3)

Government Finance, Fourth Quarter 1976 (68-001, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Commercial Failures, Fourth Quarter 1976 (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80)

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, March 1977 (32-012, 30¢/\$3)

Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, January 1977 (32-004, 40¢/\$4)

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Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, March 1977 (32-009, 30¢/\$3)

Service Bulletins:

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 6, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, October 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, No. 6, Oil Filters and Cartridges, February 1977

Financial Flow Accounts, Fourth Quarter and Year 1976 — Advance Information.

The total volume of funds raised on credit markets by the domestic non-financial sectors of the Canadian economy during 1976 amounted to \$37.9 billion, an increase of 17% over 1975. Placed in perspective to the total flow of goods and services, the flow of credit raised by the domestic non-financial sectors of the economy was 20.6% of GNP in 1976, up slightly from 20.1% in the previous year.

A detailed current analysis of financial activity in Canada for 1976 will appear in *Financial Flow Accounts*, Fourth Quarter 1976, which is forthcoming. An explanation of the accompanying financial market summary table and its relationship to the Financial Flow Accounts and the National Income and Expenditure Accounts can be found in: James F. McCollum, "Measuring Financial Market Activity: A macroeconomic Perspective", *The Canadian Statistical Review*, Vol. 52, No. 3, March 1977.

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Oil Pipeline Transport, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2,510,000 B/D (399 058 m³/D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in January, down 5.0% from 2,642,000 B/D (420 044 m³/D) received in January 1976. Domestic petroleum and products increased 0.5% to 2,169,000 B/D (344 844 m³/D) while imported petroleum and products decreased 29.4% to 341,000 B/D (54 215 m³/D).

For further information, order the January issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$37,008,585 in February compared to \$28,186,733 (revised) in February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oilseeds, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Crushings of oilseeds for February, with oil produced and meal produced (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 112,697 (18,913; 89,434).
- Rapeseed: 99,494 (41,246; 57,423).

For further information, order the February issue of *Oilseeds Review* (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 2, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 2 was 276,831 short tons (251 137 t), a decrease of 9.9% from the preceding week's total of 307,115 short tons (278 610 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 151.1 in the current week, 167.6 a week earlier and 150.2 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal and Coke Statistics, January 1977 — Advance Information.

January coal production increased 5.2% to 2,650,446 tons (2 404 444 metric tonnes) from 2,518,517 tons (2 284 761 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports decreased to 236,290 tons (214 359 metric tonnes) from 344,530 tons (312 552 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 3,166,541 tons (2 872 638 metric tonnes) of coal, up 546,273 tons (495 571 metric tonnes) and 485,196 tons (449 234 metric tonnes) of coke, up 8,133 tons (7 378 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the January issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Financial Market Summary Table

	1975		1976					Annual
	Q.IV	Annual	Q.I	Q.II	Q.III	Q.IV		
	(millions of dollars)							
Funds raised in credit markets by:								
Persons and unincorporated business	4,724	13,526	3,289	4,513	3,431	4,117	15,350	
Consumer Credit	1,066	3,202	227	1,604	1,004	981	3,816	
Bank loans	1,339	2,118	1,088	373	121	868	2,450	
Other loans	-24	59	289	111	-63	59	396	
Short-term paper	-10	9	—	11	-7	2	6	
Mortgages	2,317	8,069	1,681	2,417	2,367	2,213	8,678	
Bonds	36	69	4	-3	9	-6	4	
Non-financial private corporations	1,095	5,861	2,274	2,431	1,339	2,245	8,289	
Bank loans	253	1,307	1,113	663	394	800	2,970	
Other loans	346	893	492	90	-239	343	686	
Short-term paper	-277	102	-16	615	201	-207	593	
Mortgages	171	345	121	154	207	276	758	
Bonds	315	2,160	488	733	529	365	2,115	
Stocks	287	1,054	76	176	247	668	1,167	
Non-financial government enterprises	679	4,054	2,795	495	1,946	1,076	6,312	
Bank loans	-545	382	683	-35	423	-147	924	
Other loans	361	461	72	9	471	-40	512	
Short-term paper	-316	-57	132	-86	-103	-40	-97	
Mortgages	24	123	15	41	27	22	105	
Bonds	1,140	3,065	1,879	426	1,142	1,300	4,747	
Stocks	15	80	14	140	-14	-19	121	
General government	5,364	8,906	1,678	1,385	1,233	3,680	7,976	
Bank loans	246	254	376	-291	-173	315	227	
Other loans	135	312	58	15	-13	94	154	
Treasury bills	160	570	295	440	440	470	1,645	
Short-term paper	27	612	9	-145	224	-162	-74	
Mortgages	2	9	2	3	2	2	9	
Bonds	4,794	7,149	938	1,363	753	2,961	6,015	
Total borrowing by domestic non-financial sectors	11,862	32,347	10,036	8,824	7,949	11,118	37,927	
Rest of the world	496	1,495	348	-5	500	507	1,350	
Bank loans	290	644	164	82	263	278	787	
Other loans	103	750	151	94	235	179	659	
Mortgages	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Stocks	103	101	33	-181	2	50	-96	
Total borrowing excluding domestic financial institutions	12,358	33,842	10,384	8,819	8,449	11,625	39,277	
Domestic financial institutions	1,979	2,320	-119	1,528	384	1,466	3,237	
Bank loans	772	167	-391	502	-486	111	-264	
Other loans	254	306	-397	239	241	219	302	
Short-term paper	176	94	112	253	-122	460	703	
Mortgages	12	12	—	14	8	18	38	
Bonds	451	990	460	445	475	410	1,790	
Stocks	314	751	97	73	248	250	668	
Total funds raised = Total funds supplied	14,337	36,162	10,265	10,345	8,813	13,081	42,514	
Funds supplied directly to credit markets by:								
Persons and unincorporated business	2,685	4,022	-191	-564	-216	2,160	1,189	
Non-financial private enterprises	700	623	-722	284	64	55	-319	
Public sector (general government and non-financial government enterprises)	475	2,331	803	338	110	189	1,440	
Public financial institutions	545	2,283	468	743	448	634	2,293	
Rest of the world	2,544	5,438	3,499	1,970	2,758	2,277	10,502	
Bank of Canada	-48	747	105	-329	382	330	488	
Chartered banks	3,317	8,839	3,603	3,679	2,172	3,442	12,896	
Private domestic financial institutions (ex. chartered banks)	4,119	11,879	2,700	4,224	3,097	4,004	14,025	

The table above is an aggregation of financial flows data designed to provide a synopsis of Canadian credit market activity. The top portion of the table focuses on, but is not limited to, borrowing by the non-financial sectors of the economy. Only flows through what may be termed organized credit markets are included. Funds supplied by the immediate lending sector appear in the bottom portion of the table. This part of the table measures the asset increase of the immediate lending sectors in respect of the same conventional credit market instruments encountered in the top portion of the table.

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Consumer Price Movements, March 1977 (62-001, 30¢/\$3) — Available April 7, 1977 at 7 a.m.

Teachers in Universities, 1972-73 to 1974-75 (81-243, \$1.40)

Continuing Education, 1974-75 (81-224, \$1.05)

Motor Vehicle Shipments, February 1977 (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, July-September 1976 (21-003, \$1.40/\$5.60)

Service Bulletins:

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 39, Refined Petroleum Products, Selected Preliminary Data, January 1977

(continued)

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, 1976: No. 32, Pack of Processed Blueberries; No. 33, Pack of Processed Carrots; No. 35, Pack of Processed Peas; No. 36; Pack of Processed Corn

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary statistics for February show that 1.3 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 10.2% from February 1976. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, an increase of 5.4% over last year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. decreased 4.9% to 34,200 while Canadian travellers returning from these countries rose 13.1% to 141,500.

For further information, order the February issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, February 1977 — Advance Information.

New motor vehicles sold in February reached 97,389 units, up 18% from a year earlier. This included 60,199 passenger cars (up 22.3%) and 25,478 commercial vehicles (up 9.8%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 10,823 passenger cars (up 17.2%) and 889 commercial vehicles (down 0.1%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 21.1% to \$609.4 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$361.4 million (up 27.9%) and commercial vehicles for \$191.2 million (up 11.0%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 18.7% to \$52.6 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 0.6% to \$4.2 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 251 units of coaches and buses valued at \$8.7 million.

Seasonally-adjusted February sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased 3.1% from January to 77,141 units and those of passenger cars from overseas decreased 0.4% to 13,965 units. Similarly-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were down 5.6% to 29,067 units.

For the first two months of 1977, total sales reached 191,149 units (152,809 in 1976) with an accumulated value of \$1,207.6 million. This represented an increase of 30.7% in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Urban Transit, February 1977 — Advance Information.

In February 38 urban transit systems collected 101,747,346 initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 28,339,858 miles (45 608 580 km) and their operating revenues amounted to \$33,307,359.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or order the February issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Fruit and Vegetable Cannery and Preservers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Fruit and vegetable canners and preservers shipped \$819.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 13.1% to \$334.2 million, the number of employees increased 1.7% to 15,607 and total salaries and wages increased 14.4% to \$137.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries*, 1975 (32-218, 70¢).

Particle Board, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 39,863,000 sq. ft. (3 703 000 m²) 5/8" (15.9 mm) basis of particle board in February compared to 43,597,000 sq. ft. (4 051 000 m²) in February 1976, an 8.6% decrease.

For further information, order the February issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

February 1977

		Year-to-date 1976	Year-to-date 1977	December	January	February
Carriers Reporting* **		19	19	18	19	19
Revenue Earned:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	\$	16,649,004	17,113,759r	10,911,475	8,257,970r	8,855,789
Urban-Suburban Services	\$	46,122	44,988	23,495	22,193	22,795
Other Services (e.g. charter)	\$	1,991,385	2,239,468r	645,426	766,657r	1,472,811
Fare Passengers Carried:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	No.	5,017,733	4,552,238r	2,637,500	2,161,162r	2,391,076
Urban-Suburban Services	No.	116,989	111,984	58,887	55,915	56,069
Other Services (e.g. charter)	No.	163,642	322,544r	153,353	157,596r	164,948
Vehicle Miles:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	miles	17,516,403	17,498,057r	11,691,961	8,660,188r	8,837,869
	km	28 189 918	28 160 392r	18 816 387	13 937 221r	14 223 171
Urban-Suburban Services	miles	65,695	63,937	33,457	32,851	31,086
	km	105 725	102 896	53 843	52 868	50 028
Other Services (e.g. charter)	miles	1,805,282	1,732,618r	593,161	560,972r	1,171,646
	km	2 905 319	2 788 378r	954 600	902 797r	1 885 581
Fuel Consumed:						
Diesel Oil	gal.	2,907,219	2,934,580r	1,723,842	1,407,571r	1,527,009
	litres	13 216 479	13 340 864r	7 836 740	6 398 944r	6 941 920
Gasoline	gals.	3,821	2,839r	1,501	1,383r	1,456
	litres	17 370	12 906r	6 823	6 287r	6 619

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
r Revised figures.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), February 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available. Figures have been added showing total distance run and fuel consumed, using the International System of Units. This is the most modern version of the metric system, supported by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. It is the system of units which Canada is adopting.

The following observations apply to the data in this release:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Total distance run in a revenue service includes distance run empty which was necessary to provide the revenue service.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Flour and Breakfast Cereal Products Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The flour and breakfast cereal products industry shipped \$561.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 17.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 21.6% to \$161.5 million, the number of employees increased 2.5% to 4,981 and total salaries and wages increased 19.1% to \$58.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Flour and Breakfast Cereal Products Industry, 1975* (32-228, 70¢).

Weekly Security Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Apr. 1/77 This week	Mar. 25/77 Week ago	Mar. 4/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	102.6	102.7	101.9
Industrials	85	103.4	103.5	101.9
Foods	9	83.6	83.8	83.4
Alcoholic beverages	5	80.7	80.4	80.6
Textiles and clothing	3	112.2	112.6	113.1
Pulp and paper	7	137.8	138.4	131.9
Printing and publishing	5	105.0	105.6	101.0
Primary metals	4	109.4	109.4	106.6
Industrial mines	6	96.0	96.2	94.7
Metal fabricating	9	180.3	180.4	181.9
Non-metallic minerals	4	89.5	86.2	84.7
Petroleum	8	98.4	98.4	98.8
Chemicals	5	109.7	111.3	108.7
Construction	5	221.5	218.9	223.6
Trade	15	82.2	82.2	78.3
Utilities and services	28	94.7	94.6	94.7
Transportation	6	126.2	127.4	124.5
Pipelines	5	82.8	82.2	81.3
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	95.9	98.5	104.4
Telephone	4	98.2	98.0	98.0
Electric power	3	119.5	119.7	125.3
Gas distribution	5	71.7	70.6	72.9
Finances	21	110.9	111.4	112.9
Banks	8	113.4	113.8	115.4
Investment and loan	9	104.1	105.5	108.0
Insurance	4	107.8	106.6	102.3
Mining Index	17	114.3	116.7	114.8
Gold	9	211.3	216.7	214.1
Base metals	8	67.8	68.7	67.2
Uranium	2	182.3	186.8	177.9
Primary oils and gas index	5	104.3	102.9	103.3

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Imports by Countries, January-December 1976 (65-006, \$2.10/\$8.40)

Retail Trade, Business establishments, General Statistics, April 1977 (97-707, 70¢)

Industries, Introduction to Volume III (Part 5), 1971 Census of Canada (94-748, 50¢)

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Gas Utilities, Transport and Distribution Systems, 1975 (57-205, \$1.05)**Refined Petroleum Products, December 1976 (45-004, 40¢/\$4)****Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components**

(1971=100)

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Relative importance(1)	Indexes			% Change		% Contribution to total change	
		1977		1976	March 1977 from		March 1977 from	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976
All items	100	157.0	155.4	146.2	1.0	7.4	100	100
Food	27	172.9	171.4	165.1	0.9	4.7	25	18
All items excluding food	73	151.2	149.7	139.5	1.0	8.4	75	82
Housing	33	158.6	156.9	144.1	1.1	10.1	38	44
Clothing	9	138.2	136.4	130.3	1.3	6.1	12	8
Transportation	15	152.0	150.4	140.8	1.1	8.0	17	16
Health and personal care	4	151.1	150.7	141.0	0.3	7.2	1	4
Recreation, education and reading	6	140.3	139.7	133.7	0.4	4.9	2	4
Tobacco and alcohol	6	140.4	139.2	129.2	0.9	8.7	5	6
Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar	—	0.64	0.64	0.68				
All items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100								209.4

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

Consumer Price Index, March 1977

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 1.0% to 157.0 in March from 155.4 in February, marking the third consecutive month in which relatively-large increases have been recorded. Higher prices for petroleum products accounted for approximately one-quarter of this increase while a rise in the food index — up for the fourth successive month — contributed an additional one-quarter. While the food index increased 0.9%, the index for all items excluding food rose by 1.0%. Between March 1976 and March 1977, the total CPI advanced 7.4%, the largest 12-month increase since mid-1976.

The 0.9% increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for fresh fruit, fresh milk, coffee, bakery products and restaurant meals. Following a year of relative price stability in 1976, the index for food consumed at home (up 0.8% in the latest month) has now increased 4.7% in the three-month period between December 1976 and March 1977.

Higher prices for both gasoline and fuel oil were a large contributing factor to the 1.0% increase in the index for all items excluding food. Notable price increases were also registered for many seasonal clothing items, plane fares, postage, cigarettes and, in some urban centres, for electricity and local transit fares.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 1.2% in the latest month while that for services rose 0.7%. Between March 1976 and March 1977, the price level of services increased 10.0% while that for goods advanced 5.9.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 1.1% from February to March. This included a 1.2% rise in the food index and a 1.1% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In March, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was 12.0%.

(see table on next page)

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped 200,226,000 sq. ft. (18 548 000 m²) 3/8" (9.525 mm) basis of softwood plywood in January, up from a revised 191,963,000 sq. ft. (17 834 000 m²) in January 1976.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to 28,870,000 sq. ft. (2 682 000 m²) surface measure for January, a decrease of 9.0% from January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of *Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods* (35-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*

	All items		Food		All items excluding food	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1973						
May	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7
June	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.5
July	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.5
August	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.6
September	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.6
October	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5
November	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6
December	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.8
1974						
January	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
February	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.7
March	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.8
April	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.9
May	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.6	1.2	1.3
June	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.2
July	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6
August	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7
October	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
November	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
December	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.8
1975						
January	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
February	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
March	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.9	0.8
April	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8
June	1.5	1.2	3.2	2.8	0.8	0.7
July	1.4	1.1	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
August	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8
September	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	0.8
October	0.9	1.1	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.1
November	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
December	0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.7
1976						
January	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
February	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.6
March	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.7
April	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.7	0.7
May	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.7
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.4
July	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.5	0.6	0.5
August	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	0.8	0.7
September	0.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	1.0	1.0
October	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9
November	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
1977						
January	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.7
February	0.9	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.5	0.6
March	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1

*For some elaboration of methodology, see appendix I(a) of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010).

**Seasonally adjusted data are revised annually using updated seasonal adjustment factors. For more information, refer to appendix II, Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010).

Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

	% Change					
	Feb. 1977*	Jan. 1977*	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb./77 Jan./77	Feb./77 Feb./76
General wholesale index	540.9	533.6r	505.1	504.6	1.4	7.1
Vegetable products	480.9	467.5r	458.2	461.5	2.9	5.0
Animal products	551.1	542.4	557.0	555.6	1.6	-1.1
Textile products	471.9	469.7r	427.6	426.8	0.5	10.4
Wood products	753.9	746.5r	667.1	663.9	1.0	13.0
Iron products	582.8	579.0r	548.0	543.4	0.7	6.4
Non-ferrous metals including gold	478.3	470.3r	420.5	422.6	1.7	13.7
Non-metallic minerals	455.3	454.5r	421.2	417.5	0.2	8.1
Chemical products	399.8	397.3r	381.8	388.5	0.6	4.7
Summary indexes						
Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold	632.4	625.4r	576.0	574.6	1.1	9.8
Raw and partly manufactured goods	506.5	493.5r	475.3	477.4	2.6	6.6
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	559.1	555.0r	519.5	518.3	0.7	7.6

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), February 1977 — Advance Information.

The general wholesale price index increased 1.4% in February to 540.9 from 533.6 (revised) in January to stand 7.1% higher than the February 1976 level of 505.1. Increases were shown for all eight major groups.

The vegetable products group index rose 2.9% to 480.9 from the revised January index of 467.5 due to price increases recorded for fresh vegetables (46.8%), fresh fruits (12.0%), dried fruits (10.7%), tea, coffee and cocoa (9.0%), grains (3.6%) and potatoes (3.3%). Increases in solder (15.6%), tin (9.7%), lead and its products (5.7%), silver (4.9%) and copper (2.5%) were mainly responsible for a 1.7% increase in the non-ferrous metals index. Animal products rose 1.6% in February, due to increases in furs (19.7%), fish (3.5%), cured meats (3.0%), and eggs (2.2%). Increases in hemlock (2.2%), spruce (1.8%), fir (1.4%), newsprint and wrapping paper (1.1%) and hardwoods (1.0%) advanced the wood products index 1.0%. Smaller increases were noted for: iron products 0.7%; chemical products 0.6%; textile products 0.5%; and non-metallic minerals 0.2%.

Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1975 — Advance Information.

In 1975 there were 354 power laundries and 2,327 dry cleaning and dyeing plants operating in Canada. Receipts of all these establishments totalled \$373.7 million (up 16.1% from \$321.8 million in 1974) and consisted of \$185.0 million for power laundries and \$188.7 million for dry cleaning and dyeing plants. The number of persons employed by these establishments as of the last week of September 1975 totalled 26,101 of which 11,732 were in power laundries and 14,369 in dry cleaning and dyeing plants.

For further information, order *Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1975* (63-205, 70¢), or contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Service Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Farm Cash Receipts, January-February 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates indicate that in the January-February period of 1977 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$1,973.2 million compared to \$2,426.9 million realized during the corresponding period of 1976. These estimates included: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January-February issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January-February
(millions of dollars)

	1977	1976
Prince Edward Island	19.6	22.0
Nova Scotia	19.7	18.7
New Brunswick	19.4	19.8
Quebec	174.4	192.2
Ontario	405.1	409.0
Manitoba	164.1	205.7
Saskatchewan	676.4	975.6
Alberta	430.1	517.5
British Columbia	64.4	66.4
Canada	1,973.2	2,426.9

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

	Jan. 1977f	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976r	Jan. 1976
	(\$ millions)			
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	49.7	54.8	64.3	40.0
Forestry	80.4	85.3	99.9	60.5
Mining	220.9	222.2	217.5	193.6
Manufacturing	1,867.2	1,890.6	1,890.6	1,674.9
Construction	589.0	640.9	744.7	590.3
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	867.0	911.8	871.6	757.9
Trade	1,147.3	1,215.1	1,154.3	1,025.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	531.9	523.8	513.9	459.6
Service	2,094.3	2,216.9	2,090.8	1,847.8
Public Administration and Defence(1)	756.7	794.6	740.3	639.7
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,205.9	8,560.4	8,391.4	7,291.2
Supplementary Labour Income	781.8	666.4	683.0	671.0
Total, Labour Income(2)	8,987.7	9,226.8	9,074.4	7,962.2
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	76.6	75.3	74.0	62.0
Forestry	82.3	97.4	91.4	67.5
Mining	221.8	224.5	215.8	194.4
Manufacturing	1,906.2	1,922.2	1,871.8	1,709.7
Construction	703.2	750.2	715.3	701.6
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	897.4	919.3	875.9	784.6
Trade	1,171.0	1,174.2	1,127.2	1,046.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	535.8	531.7	521.4	462.7
Service	2,058.6	2,196.2	2,046.9	1,817.6
Public Administration and Defence(1)	771.1	801.8	751.0	651.6
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,428.4	8,696.6	8,296.4	7,503.4
Supplementary Labour Income	722.6	745.1	747.5	618.7
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,151.0	9,441.7	9,043.9	8,122.0

f First estimates.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.

(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

Estimates of Labour Income, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted labour income declined 3.1% to \$9,151.0 million in January from \$9,441.7 million in December. The decrease noted was the result of retro-active payments of \$318 million made during December 1976; if the estimates were adjusted for these special payments, they would show a slight increase in January.

Users of labour income data should note that the estimates are presently being revised. The revision will cover a period of four years and is expected to increase the current estimates by approximately 4%.

Further details will be published in the January-March issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20) and additional information may be obtained upon request from Mrs. Gauthier (613-995-067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Iron Ore, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian mines shipped 1,046,253 short tons of iron ore in February compared to 1,377,217 short tons in February 1976. This brought the two-months output to

3,888,216 short tons in 1977 from 3,268,784 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Footwear Statistics, February 1977 — Advance Information.

February production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,359,979 pairs from 3,515,847 in February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Office Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of office furniture shipped \$181.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 12.4% to \$102.6 million, the number of employees decreased 2.4% to 5,557 and total salaries and wages increased 14.6% to \$56.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Office Furniture Manufacturers, 1975* (35-212, 70¢).

Industrial Chemicals, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers shipped 59,800,015 pounds (27 124 830 kg) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in February compared to a revised 50,578,124 pounds (22 941 851 kg) in February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Specified Chemicals* (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Estimates of Production and Disappearance of Poultry Meat, 1976 — Advance Information.

Disappearance of poultry meat in Canada in 1976 was 44.7 pounds per capita compared to 42.6 pounds in 1975. Increases in per capita disappearance occurred mainly in chicken.

Per capita disappearance of poultry meat in 1976, with 1975 figures in brackets and changes between the two years (all figures in pounds):

- Fowl, 2.8 (3.0) -0.2.
- Chicken, 32.3 (29.6) 2.7.
- Turkey, 9.0 (9.5) -0.5.
- Goose, 0.12 (0.06) 0.06.
- Duck, 0.51 (0.51) —.
- Total, 44.7 (42.6) 2.1.

Per capita disappearance of eggs declined 1.6% in 1976 to 18.3 dozen from 18.7 dozen.

For further information, contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January-February 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to February were valued at \$115.4 million, a decrease of 0.7% from the 1976 figure of \$116.3 million. Repair parts for the latest period had a value of \$25.1 million.

For further information, order the February issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, February 1977 — Advance Information.

February production of rubber increased to 38,336,000 pounds (17 389 000 kg) from 37,497,000 pounds (17 008 000 kg) in February 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to 59,067,000 pounds (26 794 000 kg) from 55,869,000 pounds (25 345 000 kg) in February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Recettes et dépenses au compte des voyages internationaux, 1976

	1976				Année
	I	II	III	IV	
États-Unis					
Recettes	136	328	687	195	1,346
Dépenses	566	493	539	358	1,956
Solde	-430	-165	148	-163	-610
Tous autres pays					
Recettes	53	151	294	86	584
Dépenses	312	270	367	216	1,165
Solde	-259	-119	-73	-130	-581
Total de tous les pays					
Recettes	189	479	981	281	1,930
Dépenses	878	763	906	574	3,121
Solde	-689	-284	75	-293	-1,191

Pour d'autres renseignements, communiquer avec M. M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), Section des voyages internationaux, Statistique Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Voyages entre le Canada et les autres pays, estimations finales 1976 — Chiffres préliminaires.

Les estimations finales portant sur l'année 1976 indiquent que le Canada a gagné \$1,930 millions par suite des voyages internationaux, comparativement à \$1,815 millions en 1975. Par contre, les Canadiens ont dépensé \$3,121 millions dans les autres pays, ce qui entraîne un déficit record de \$1,191 millions comparativement à un déficit de \$727 millions en 1975.

Les recettes du Canada comprennent \$1,346 millions dépensés par des visiteurs en provenance des États-Unis, soit un peu plus que l'année précédente, et \$484 millions dépensés par des visiteurs en provenance de tous les autres pays, soit 22.2% de plus qu'en 1975.

La baisse du nombre des visiteurs des É.-U. a contribué à la baisse des recettes en provenance des É.-U. D'autre part, le nombre des visiteurs en provenance des autres pays a considérablement augmenté, surtout à cause des Jeux olympiques, ce qui a produit une hausse importante des recettes.

Les dépenses des Canadiens à l'étranger comprennent \$1,956 millions dépensés aux États-Unis et \$1,165 millions dans tous les autres pays, soit des hausses respectives de 23.3% et 22.0%. La hausse des recettes reflète l'augmentation du nombre des visiteurs ainsi que celle de dépenses plus élevées par ces derniers.

Commerce de détail, février 1977 — Chiffres préliminaires.

Les ventes désaisonnalisées du commerce de détail ont été de \$5,008.4 millions en février, une baisse de 0.2% par rapport à \$5,019.8 millions en janvier. Les ventes ont progressé dans 19 des 28 genres de commerce. Les magasins d'appareils ménagers (19.0%), les magasins généraux (14.6%) et les magasins de vêtements pour la famille (12.4%) ont enregistré les

hausse les plus élevées, tandis que les magasins de marchandises diverses (-12.7%) ont subi le recul le plus prononcé. On a enregistré une hausse des ventes par rapport, à janvier dans quatre des 10 provinces et ces hausses varient de 0.4% au Nouveau-Brunswick à 7.3% en Saskatchewan. La baisse la plus prononcée fut enregistrée au Manitoba (-6.3%).

Les ventes au détail, non désaisonnalisées, ont atteint \$4,012.6 millions en février, une hausse de 9.2% par rapport à celles de février 1976. Les ventes ont augmenté dans 24 des 28 genres de commerce. Les gains les plus importants furent réalisés par les magasins de chaussures spécialisées (31.2%) et les librairies et papeteries (26.0%). Toutes les provinces ont enregistré des hausses par rapport à 1976 et ces hausses varient de 0.2% pour le Manitoba à 11.4% pour l'Ontario. Les ventes ont augmenté de 7.5% à Montréal, 13.5% à Toronto, 2.8% à Winnipeg et 15.3% à Vancouver.

Les ventes totales révisées, mais non désaisonnalisées, furent de \$4,093.6 millions en janvier, une hausse de 9.2% par rapport à celles de janvier 1976.

Pour d'autres renseignements, commander le numéro de février de *Commerce de détail* (63-005, 55c./\$5.50), ou s'adresser à la Section du commerce de détail, division du commerce et des services, Statistique Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Logements mis en chantier et parachevés, dans les centres de 10,000 habitants et plus

janvier 1977 — Chiffres préliminaires

	Mises en chantier					Achèvements				
	Simple	Double	Rangées	App.	Total	Simple	Double	Rangées	App.	Total
Terre-Neuve	45	—	—	—	45	139	1	133	152	425
Île-du-Prince-Édouard	4	2	—	—	6	6	2	—	6	14
Nouvelle-Écosse	133	10	14	39	196	235	18	—	33	286
Nouveau-Brunswick	21	2	—	10	33	164	4	—	163	331
Québec	1,504	104	25	2,100	3,733	1,605	133	55	1,248	3,041
Ontario	797	414	841	1,130	3,182	1,456	470	1,245	2,027	5,198
Manitoba	178	115	37	146	476	321	38	66	177	602
Saskatchewan	244	20	—	194	458	326	24	—	370	720
Alberta	466	52	137	193	848	885	76	274	404	1,639
Colombie-Britannique	772	166	366	1,189	2,493	1,191	160	224	733	2,308
Canada	4,164	885	1,420	5,001	11,470	6,328	926	1,997	5,313	14,564
Zones métropolitaines										
Calgary	250	30	17	32	329	155	44	—	16	215
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	117	16	—	—	133	118	8	—	—	126
Edmonton	165	16	120	123	424	461	20	263	332	1,076
Halifax	71	10	14	27	122	124	18	—	—	142
Hamilton	72	18	117	—	207	108	66	266	286	726
Hull	14	—	—	85	99	97	8	11	31	147
Kitchener	53	16	54	463	586	142	34	80	28	284
London	98	30	117	72	317	84	32	142	—	258
Montréal	829	74	18	1,690	2,611	778	106	39	1,111	2,034
Oshawa	7	30	42	—	79	52	17	136	—	255
Ottawa	16	2	—	—	18	15	14	94	—	123
Québec	203	12	7	38	260	227	8	—	59	294
Regina	109	6	—	—	115	117	18	—	235	370
St. Catharines-Niagara	33	—	—	—	33	127	10	20	—	157
Saint-Jean	13	2	—	4	19	64	2	—	148	214
St. John's	42	—	—	—	42	101	1	133	152	387
Saskatoon	81	—	—	72	153	117	4	—	135	256
Sudbury	14	4	—	—	18	43	28	—	—	71
Thunder Bay	57	8	—	—	65	73	—	9	181	263
Toronto	163	200	334	330	1,027	286	194	289	1,053	1,822
Vancouver	427	102	314	619	1,462	649	57	143	487	1,336
Victoria	47	14	—	393	454	138	30	44	212	424
Windsor	49	—	—	—	49	86	6	11	—	103
Winnipeg	173	113	37	146	469	262	35	66	177	540
Total partiel	3,103	703	1,191	4,094	9,091	4,424	760	1,746	4,643	11,573
Grandes agglomérations urbaines	381	64	66	195	706	545	64	176	268	1,053
Autres 10,000 et +	680	118	163	712	1,673	1,359	102	75	402	1,938
Centres de 10,000 et +	4,164	885	1,420	5,001	11,470	6,328	926	1,997	5,313	14,564

Pour plus de renseignements, commander *Logements mis en chantier et parachevés*, janvier 1977 (64-002, 40c./\$4).**Fruits et légumes en boîtes et congelés, février 1977 — Chiffres préliminaires.**

On peut se procurer des renseignements préliminaires sur les conserves, livraisons et stocks de certains fruits et légumes en boîtes et congelés pour le mois de février en commandant l'édition de février de *Fruits et légumes en boîtes et congelés* (32-001, 30c./\$3), ou en s'adressant à M. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Division des industries manufacturières et primaires, Statistique Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Les fabricants d'articles en grosse toile, 1975 — Chiffres préliminaires.

Les fabricants d'articles en grosse toile ont livré pour \$60.7 millions de produits de propre fabrication en 1975, soit 19.4% de plus qu'en 1974. La valeur totale

ajoutée par l'industrie a augmenté de 13.6% à \$31.6 millions, le nombre des employés a augmenté de 6.8% à 2,394 et le total des traitements et salaires a augmenté de 18.3% à \$18.5 millions.

Pour d'autres renseignements, s'adresser à E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Division des industries manufacturières et primaires, Statistique Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. D'autres données seront publiées dans *Industries des articles en grosse toile et des sacs de coton et de jute* (34-202, 70c.).

Lingots d'acier, semaine se terminant le 9 avril 1977 — Chiffres préliminaires.

D'après les données préliminaires, la production de lingots d'acier de la semaine se terminant le 9 avril 1977 a été de 272,940 tonnes courtes (247 607 t), soit 0.5% de moins que 274,354 tonnes courtes (248 890 t) la semaine précédente. La production de la semaine correspondante de 1976 avait été de 280,699 tonnes courtes (254 646 t).

L'indice de la production dont la base (100) est la production hebdomadaire moyenne de 1967, soit 183,227 tonnes courtes (166 221 t), a été de 149.0 durant la semaine observée, contre 149.7 la semaine précédente et 153.2 un an plus tôt.

Pour plus de renseignements, communiquer avec J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Division des industries manufacturières et primaires, Statistique Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

(r) *Nombres révisés.*

Destination des livraisons des industries manufacturières, 1974 — Données provisoires.

Les fabricants canadiens ont déclaré avoir livré hors de la province de fabrication des marchandises fabriquées par eux d'une valeur de \$37 milliards, soit \$21 milliards ailleurs au Canada et \$16 milliards à d'autres pays. Ce chiffre est assez près de celui de \$40 milliards pour les livraisons dans la province d'origine.

Ces chiffres font partie des résultats provisoires de totalisations effectuées à partir d'une question spéciale du recensement des manufactures sur la destination des livraisons. Les tableaux d'accompagnement présentent un sommaire pour toutes les industries manufacturières; des résultats révisés et plus détaillés paraîtront plus tard.

De toutes les livraisons de 1974 dont la destination a été déclarée, 52% demeuraient dans la province de fabrication, 27% étaient destinées à d'autres pays. Lors de la seule enquête antérieure de ce genre (1967), les pourcentages étaient respectivement 56%, 28% et 16%. Si nous ne tenons compte que des livraisons au Canada, la situation a peu changé: en 1974, 66% de ces livraisons demeuraient dans la province d'origine et 34% allaient ailleurs au Canada comparativement à 67% et à 33% en 1967.

Les résultats présentés pour 1974 concernent uniquement les fabricants qui reçoivent le questionnaire complet du recensement; nous n'avons pas demandé aux petits fabricants, qui rendent compte de 1.6% seulement des livraisons, d'indiquer la destination de leurs livraisons. De plus, le travail à façon et les réparations (2.1% des livraisons) n'ont pas été répartis selon la destination, comme d'ailleurs la petite quantité de réponses manquantes (environ 3% des livraisons).

Dans toutes les provinces, à l'exception de celles des provinces de l'Atlantique et de la Colombie-Britannique, plus de la moitié des livraisons déclarées étaient destinées à la province d'origine. En Ontario, province la plus importante du Canada pour les industries manufacturières, 53.7% des livraisons déclarées demeuraient dans cette province, 24.6% allaient au reste du Canada et 21.7% étaient envoyées à d'autres pays. Chez les enquêtés du Québec, les mouvements intraprovinciaux rendaient compte de

53.3% des livraisons, les mouvements interprovinciaux, de 32.0% et les exportations, de 14.7%.

La province la plus dépendante du reste du Canada, proportionnellement, était la plus petite, c'est-à-dire l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard; 53.4% de ses livraisons allaient à d'autres provinces contre 9.7% qui étaient destinées à d'autres pays. Les autres provinces de l'Atlantique dépendaient généralement peu des débouchés dans la province d'origine et effectuaient des livraisons relativement importantes aux autres pays. Les fabricants de Terre-Neuve ont déclaré avoir livré 64.6% de leur production à d'autres pays contre 22.1% à l'intérieur de la province et 13.3% au reste du Canada. Les enquêtés du Nouveau-Brunswick ont dit avoir envoyé 35.1% de leur production à d'autres pays, 31.8% à l'intérieur de la province et 33.1% aux autres provinces. Comme groupe, les provinces de l'Atlantique ont livré 19.2% de leur production à d'autres régions du Canada et 36.8% à d'autres pays.

Dans l'Ouest, la Colombie-Britannique se signalait par la plus forte dépendance des marchés étrangers après Terre-Neuve, à l'est. Ces deux provinces présentaient une autre ressemblance: la Colombie-Britannique dépendait moins des débouchés interprovinciaux que toute autre province, sauf Terre-Neuve. Les enquêtés des provinces de l'Ouest ont déclaré avoir livré 41.3% de leur production à d'autres pays, 43.5% à leur propre province et seulement 15.2% aux autres provinces.

Les livraisons totales des trois autres provinces de l'Ouest se répartissaient de façon très semblable d'une province à l'autre. Le Manitoba a déclaré des livraisons intraprovinciales pour 52.2% de sa production, 36.7% en livraisons à d'autres provinces et 10.2% en livraisons à d'autres pays. En Saskatchewan, 53.7% des livraisons demeuraient dans la province, 34.7% allaient ailleurs au Canada et 11.6% étaient destinées à d'autres pays. En Alberta, 58.4% des livraisons demeuraient dans la province, soit le pourcentage le plus fort parmi toutes les provinces; 34.0% des livraisons allaient à d'autres provinces et 7.7% étaient envoyées à d'autres pays.

La dépendance des provinces envers les marchés extérieurs est sous-estimée pour une raison d'ordre économique importante. Les usines qui alimentent en matières ou pièces les industries situées dans la même province, lesquelles livrent leurs produits à l'extérieur de la province ou du pays, sont liées en fin de compte aux mêmes marchés étrangers bien qu'elles déclarent que leurs livraisons ont été faites dans la province. C'est en partie pour cette raison qu'on a observé que les provinces industrielles, comme l'Ontario et le Québec, ont enregistré un montant élevé de livraisons intérieures.

Les données camouflent également la dépendance des provinces envers les marchés extérieurs dans la mesure où les livraisons de la province d'origine sont attribuées aux grossistes ou aux points de vente de l'entreprise que font la distribution aux autres provinces ou aux pays étrangers. C'est le cas des livraisons effectuées par des nombreuses industries, en Ontario et au Québec, tandis que les exportations

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de sciages de la Colombie-Britannique sont sous-estimées. Les livraisons aux grossistes ont le même effet; ainsi, le volume des produits reçus de certaines industries par le Manitoba a pu être gonflé par les biens livrés en fin de compte à la Saskatchewan ou ailleurs.

L'enquête de 1974 portait seulement sur la destination et non sur la "première destination", comme lors de l'enquête de 1967, mais c'est toujours ce dernier élément que la plupart des fabricants peuvent déclarer. Or l'augmentation rapide des exportations de l'Ontario par rapport à celles du Québec pendant cette période était, semble-t-il, due en grande partie au fait que le secteur automobile a déclaré ses exportations en fonction de la destination finale au lieu de la première destination, qui était le critère retenu en 1967. (Un virement comptable au siège social ou au bureau des ventes peut constituer une destination.)

La sous-estimation des marchés intérieurs est imputable à l'omission des petits établissements qui livrent principalement dans la province d'origine. (Certains petits établissements ont été pris en compte en Alberta, car le bureau de la statistique de cette province a mené une enquête auprès d'eux). Le faible taux de non-réponse a pu avoir une incidence variable sur les chiffres relatifs à la dépendance globale envers les livraisons aux autres pays.

Certains enquêtés ont eu de la difficulté à donner comme destination l'une ou l'autre des provinces de l'Atlantique et les sommes pour la région sont probablement de meilleure qualité qu'une ventilation provinciale, en particulier dans le cas de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard.

Les données pour 1967 ne peuvent être comparées intégralement avec celles que l'on présente ici: cette année-là, le travail à façon a été réparti, les destinations des livraisons des petits fabricants ont été estimées par Statistique Canada et les réponses manquantes ont été attribuées en fonction du schéma des réponses.

On observe par ailleurs, que d'une enquête à l'autre, l'Ouest du Canada et les provinces de l'Atlantique alimentent dans une plus grande mesure leurs propres établissements, par rapport aux importations du Canada central, et que l'Ontario a perdu un peu de terrain comme principal fournisseur des autres provinces. La conjoncture structurale, autrement dit l'évolution de l'importance relative d'industries comportant un schéma particulier de distribution, et des considérations autres que la concurrence ont eu un effet sur ces comparaisons.

Pour obtenir des données semblables à celles qui sont présentées dans le tableau 1 pour les vingt groupes d'industries manufacturières, il suffit d'en faire la demande par écrit ou par téléphone à M. D.S. Wilson, Division des industries manufacturières et primaires, Statistique Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V6 (613-996-4991). Une ventilation complète et définitive par industrie paraîtra à une date ultérieure dans la publication *Destination des livraisons des industries manufacturières*, 1974 (31-552).

(voir tableaux aux pages 6, 7 et 8)

Tableau 2: Répartition en pourcentage des expéditions de marchandises de principales industries de fabrication, selon la destination, 1974 (sauf les expéditions non précisées, le travail à façon et de réparation)

Destination													
Pourcentage													
Province d'origine	Terre-Neuve	Île-du-Prince-Édouard	Nouvelle-Écosse	Nouveau-Brunswick	Québec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Colombie-Britannique	Yukon et Territoires du Nord-Ouest	Extérieur du Canada	Total
Terre-Neuve	22.1	--	1.0	1.5	9.8	0.9	x	x	x	x	--	64.6	100.0
Île-du-Prince-Édouard	8.1	37.0	19.7	10.4	6.8	8.0	x	x	x	x	x	9.7	100.0
Nouvelle-Écosse	4.8	3.1	38.1	5.3	9.8	9.1	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.8	...	27.6	100.0
Nouveau-Brunswick	2.7	1.8	7.5	31.8	9.8	9.9	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	...	35.1	100.0
Québec	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.5	53.3	20.8	1.5	1.0	2.0	2.4	0.1	14.7	100.0
Ontario	0.7	0.2	1.2	1.0	12.0	53.7	2.1	1.3	2.9	3.2	0.1	21.7	100.0
Manitoba	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.8	5.9	12.9	52.2	6.1	6.7	3.6	0.3	10.2	100.0
Saskatchewan	0.2	0.1	1.7	0.8	4.6	6.5	7.6	53.7	8.7	4.5	0.2	11.6	100.0
Alberta	0.1	--	0.1	0.1	7.4	3.3	2.7	6.2	58.4	13.1	1.0	7.7	100.0
Colombie-Britannique	0.1	--	0.3	0.3	1.8	3.6	1.4	1.3	6.0	43.5	0.4	41.3	100.0
Canada	1.0	0.3	2.0	1.7	21.7	34.0	3.2	2.2	5.6	6.9	0.1	21.2	100.0

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Tableau 3: Sources d'approvisionnement en pourcentage des expéditions des principales industries de fabrication du Canada à destination de régions canadiennes, 1974

Province d'origine	Destination											
	Pourcentage	Terre-Neuve	Île-du-Prince-Édouard	Nouvelle-Écosse	Nouveau-Brunswick	Québec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Colombie-Britannique	Canada
Terre-Neuve	20.3		0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4	--		x	x	x	0.4
Île-du-Prince-Édouard	0.8		10.8	1.0	0.6	--	--		x	x	x	0.1
Nouvelle-Écosse	10.2		18.1	38.2	6.2	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9
Nouveau-Brunswick	5.5		10.1	7.2	35.8	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.6
Québec	25.7		29.4	18.8	24.4	66.6	16.5	12.6	11.9	9.7	9.5	29.3
Ontario	35.2		29.5	30.3	28.8	27.9	79.6	32.7	29.9	26.4	23.3	50.2
Manitoba	0.4		0.5	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.0	43.1	7.5	3.2	1.4	3.1
Saskatchewan	0.3		0.3	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	3.0	31.6	1.9	0.8	1.4
Alberta	0.3		0.4	0.2	0.3	1.6	0.4	4.0	13.5	49.0	9.0	5.5
Colombie-Britannique	1.2		1.0	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.9	3.9	5.1	9.4	55.7	6.5
Canada	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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The Labour Force, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Employment and unemployment, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, both showed increases in March, but Canada's unemployment rate rose to 8.1% from 7.9% in February. The rate in March 1976 was 6.8%.

The adjusted employment level was estimated at 9,672,000 in March, up 16,000 from February. The unemployment level was estimated at 856,000, an increase of 27,000 from February.

The increase in employment in March was entirely concentrated among female workers: 15,000 for women 25 years of age and over and 10,000 for women 15-24. The level decreased for men 25 years of age and over (-8,000), while it showed little change for men 15-24.

The adjusted unemployment level increased for men 15-24 (7,000), men 25 and over (11,000) and women 25 and over (10,000).

Seasonally-adjusted March unemployment rates for the provinces, with February rates in brackets: Newfoundland 16.1% (15.1%); Prince Edward Island 9.9% (9.0%); Nova Scotia 11.7% (11.0%); New Brunswick 14.3% (13.0%); Quebec 10.0% (9.7%); Ontario 7.1% (6.8%); Manitoba 5.7% (6.0%); Saskatchewan 4.6% (3.7%); Alberta 4.5% (4.0%); and British Columbia 8.8% (8.2%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the March labour force was 10,294,000 with 9,350,000 employed and 944,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 9.2%. In February, the labour force was 10,222,000 with 9,290,000 employed and 932,000 unemployed for a rate of 9.1%. In March 1976, the labour force was 10,019,000 with 9,259,000 employed and 759,000 unemployed for a rate of 7.6%.

For further information, order the March issue of *The Labour Force* (71,001, 55¢/\$5.50).

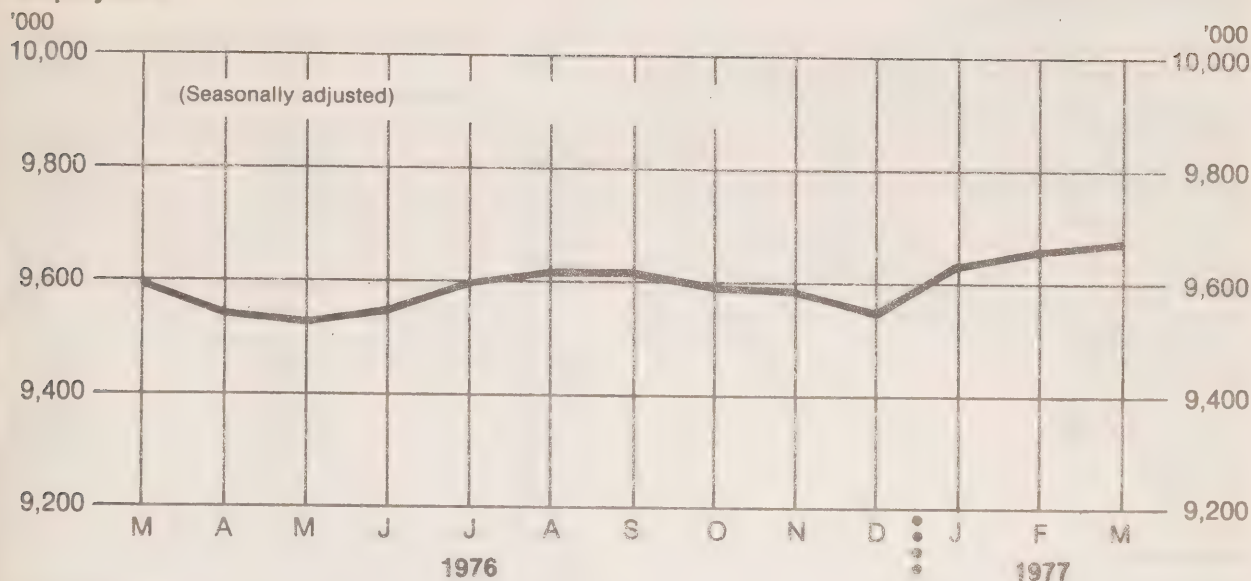
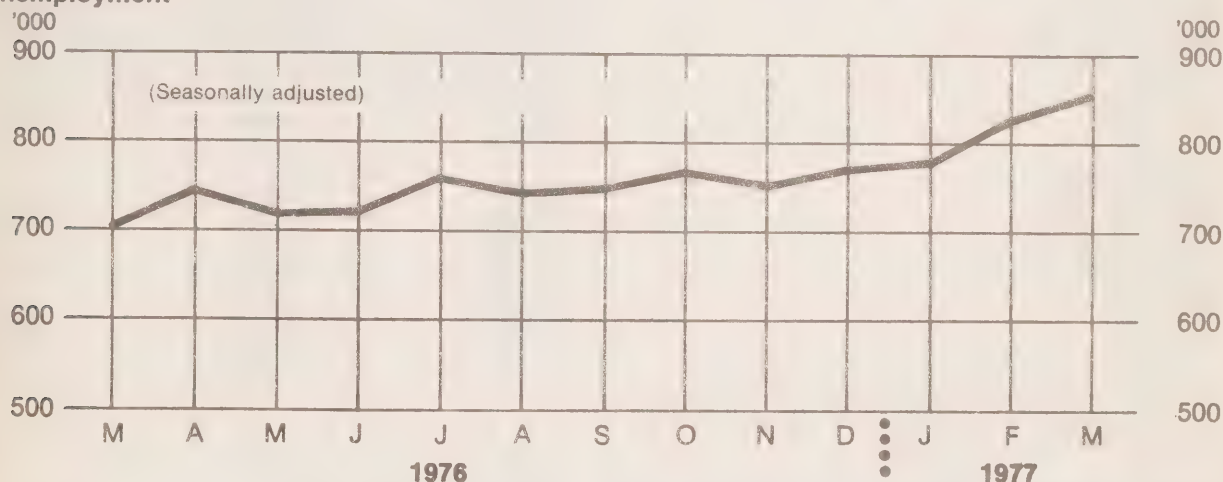
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Mineral Production, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of minerals for February and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold: 136,625 troy ounces; 274,335 troy ounces (133,463; 282,410).
- Silver: 3,456,290 troy ounces; 6,576,121 troy ounces (3,129,203; 6,551,546).
- Primary copper: 72,640 short tons, 151,814 short tons (54,880; 130,856).
- Primary nickel: 23,290 short tons; 48,731 short tons (22,475; 46,170).
- Refined lead: 17,905 short tons; 35,808 short tons (17,846; 37,216).
- Refined zinc: 49,748 short tons; 103,122 short tons (39,607; 81,649).

For further information, order the February issues of: *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Employment**Unemployment****Juveniles in Conflict with the Law, December 1976 — Advance Information.**

The Justice Statistics Division has completed work on a special survey of juveniles in conflict with the law in Canada. Undertaken in collaboration with the federal Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the survey in December, 1976 ascertained the number and kinds of juveniles apprehended by police, and the manner in which the police dealt with them.

This survey of 8,903 juveniles showed that most were 14 or 15 years of age and had been apprehended for minor property offences. One-third were formally charged with some offence, while a warning was given in 42% of the cases.

More detailed figures will be provided in forthcoming publications. The first, *Preliminary Statistics from a Survey of Juveniles in Conflict with the Law*, will be released at the end of April.

Sugar Sales, March 1977 — Advance Information.

For March, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 91 468 977 kilograms (201,854,808 lbs.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 84 237 934 kilograms (185,712,885 lbs.) and export sales totalled 7 231 043 kilograms (15,941,723 lbs.).

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8819), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Carloadings

10-day period ending March 31

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	3,871,192	2,983,354	6,854,546
Short tons, 1976	3,661,952	2,505,235	6,167,187
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 511 886	2 706 453	6 218 339
Metric tonnes, 1976	3 322 067	2 272 711	5 594 778
% change	5.7	19.1	11.1
Cars, 1977	66,238	44,278	110,516
Cars, 1976	64,642	38,042	102,684
% change	2.5	16.4	7.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	250,475	92,056	342,531
Short tons, 1976	195,705	67,301	263,006
Metric tonnes, 1977	227 227	83 512	310 739
Metric tonnes, 1976	177 541	61 054	238 595
% change	28.0	36.8	30.2
Cars, 1977	7,846	3,876	11,722
Cars, 1976	6,478	2,804	9,282
% change	21.1	38.2	26.3
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	29,022,738	26,062,608	55,085,346
Short tons, 1976	28,275,430	23,390,373	51,665,803
Metric tonnes, 1977	26 328 985	23 643 600	49 972 585
Metric tonnes, 1976	25 651 039	21 219 389	46 870 428
% change	2.6	11.4	6.6
Cars, 1977	490,346	395,496	885,842
Cars, 1976	486,907	366,665	853,572
% change	0.7	7.9	3.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	1,998,875	714,589	2,713,464
Short tons, 1976	1,581,089	618,032	2,199,121
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 813 349	648 264	2 461 613
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 434 340	560 669	1 995 009
% change	26.4	15.6	23.4
Cars, 1977	60,675	30,822	91,497
Cars, 1976	53,271	25,958	79,229
% change	13.9	18.7	15.5

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures are revised.

Railway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended March 31, 1977— Published Only in Statistics Canada *Daily*.

Canadian rail freight loadings totalled 6.9 million short tons (6.2 million t) in the above period, up 11.1% from the corresponding 10 days in 1976. Tonnage east of Thunder Bay and Armstrong was 5.7% higher while volume in the West rose 19.1%. The number of cars loaded increased 7.6% to 110,516 and average tons per car edged up to 62.0 from 60.1.

Trailer-container (piggyback) movements in the most recent period rose 30.2% with shipments originating in the East up 28.0% and in the West up 36.8%.

Railways finished the first quarter of 1977 up 6.6% from 1976 in terms of tons; showed a 3.8% increase in the number of cars loaded; and reported a 23.4% improvement in piggyback shipments.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Leather Tanneries, 1975.

Leather tanneries shipped \$104.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 6.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 19.6% to \$45.0 million, the number of employees increased 4.5% to 2,605 and total salaries and wages increased 11.7% to \$25.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Leather Tanneries, 1975* (33-202, 70¢).

Miscellaneous Leather Products Manufacturers, 1975
— Advance Information.

Miscellaneous leather products manufacturers shipped \$102.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 5.1% to \$57.6 million, the number of employees increased 1.0% to 4,738 and total salaries and wages increased 15.3% to \$35.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Leather Products Manufacturers, 1975* (33-205, 70¢).

Commercial Trailer Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Commercial trailer manufacturers shipped \$117.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 15.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 14.8% to \$56.1 million, the number of employees decreased 19.2% to 2,875 and total salaries and wages decreased 8.6% to \$34.6 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Truck Body and Trailer Manufacturers, 1975* (42-217, 70¢).

Logging, 1975 — Advance Information.

The logging industry shipped \$2,474 million worth of products in 1975, down 9.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 9.6% to \$1,126 million, the number of employees decreased 9.9% to 53,622 and total salaries and wages decreased 0.9% to \$712 million.

For further information, contact Colin F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Logging, 1975* (25-201, \$1.40).

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Service Bulletins:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 5, No. 38, Pack of Processed Beans, Green and Wax, 1976

Road Transport (53-006, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, No. 2, Road Motor Vehicles — Revenues, 1975

Help Wanted Index, Canada and Regions, 1971 to 1977Seasonally Adjusted
(1969=100)

Year	QI	QII	QIII	QIV	Annual Average	QI	QII	QIII	QIV	Annual Average
Canada						Atlantic Provinces				
1971	77	85	85	97	86	88	86	84	89	87
1972	106	111	118	126	115	85	97	101	132	104
1973	131	137	156	171	149	122	125	135	166	137
1974	193	208	210	183	199	217	234	227	268	236
1975	163	166	166	160	164	215	223	237	163	210
1976	171	148	153	156	157	132	138	142	132	136
1977	163					171				
Quebec						Ontario				
1971	79	93	93	105	93	74	82	76	90	80
1972	109	112	117	116	114	105	111	122	128	116
1973	128	125	152	156	140	132	139	158	164	148
1974	182	212	214	206	203	176	183	180	141	170
1975	182	192	220	208	200	123	120	114	106	116
1976	211	183	193	192	195	118	101	103	101	106
1977	194					112				
Prairie Provinces						British Columbia				
1971	79	81	92	100	88	70	74	90	99	83
1972	108	115	122	140	121	104	106	118	122	113
1973	129	142	155	198	156	133	159	176	199	167
1974	217	234	253	218	230	226	234	243	181	221
1975	194	209	187	195	196	155	154	149	151	152
1976	211	196	213	229	212	165	138	142	149	148
1977	211					150				

Help Wanted Index, First Quarter 1977 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The seasonally-adjusted help wanted index (1969=100) rose to 163 in the first quarter of 1977, up 4% from the previous quarter. All areas reported increases except the Prairie provinces, which experienced a decline of 8%.

Although the over-all index dropped 5% from the first quarter of 1976, the Atlantic provinces recorded an increase of 29% and the Prairie provinces remained unchanged.

For further information, contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Fur Goods Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The fur goods industry shipped \$141.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 16% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 18.7% to \$48.6 million, the number of employees increased 8.5% to 2,809 and total salaries and wages increased 15.9% to \$24.7 million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Fur Goods Industry, 1975* (34-213, 70¢).

Telephone Statistics, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$281.5 million in February, up 9.2% over February 1976. Operating expenses were \$199.6 million, an increase of 16.9%. Net operating revenue amounted to \$82.0 million, a decrease of 6.0% from February 1976.

Telephone toll messages increased 9.8% to 72.0 million in the latest month.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Oils and Fats — Manufacturers' Sales

February 1977 — Advance Information

	Margarine		Shortening*		Salad Oil	
	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Retail Sales						
1977	21,080	9 562	4,552	2 065	7,298	3 311
1976	22,270	10 101	5,338	2 421	7,193	3 263
Commercial Sales						
1977	1,963	890	11,536	5 233	1,375	624
1976	838	380	11,525	5 228	1,171	531
Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers:						
1977	12,306	5 582	3,773	1 711	7,072	3 208
1976	12,810	5 811	3,114	1 413	5,577	2 530
Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers:						
1977	—	—	11,438	5 188	2,948	1 385
1976	—	—	12,091	5 484	4,240	1 923

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the February issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, April 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at April 1 amounted to 75.5 million pounds compared with last year's total of 54.4 million pounds.

For further information, order the April issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for March was 1,340,854 short tons (1 216 402 t). Preliminary pig iron production for March was 872,276 short tons (791 315 t).

For further information, order the March issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

Destination of Manufacturers' Shipments, 1974 (Preliminary).

In the report published April 13, data in Table 1 indicated, as a result of a typographical error, that New Brunswick manufacturers reported shipping \$5.1 million of goods of their own manufacture to Saskatchewan. This should have read \$3.1 million.

Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976		1977		% Change
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
Index of Industrial Production	29.497	120.4	121.5	122.7	122.8	0.1
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.3	113.8	114.8	116.5	1.5
Metal mines	1.584	107.6	104.2	116.4	111.9	-3.9
Mineral fuels	1.492	118.5	123.1	111.2	118.9	6.9
Non-metal mines (except coal mines)	.363	123.8	125.7	133.8	140.9	5.3
Manufacturing industries	22.862	118.7	119.8	121.0	120.8	-0.2
Food and beverage industries	3.254	109.4	109.9	113.0	113.9	0.8
Tobacco products industries	.212	105.5	113.2	122.5	118.7	-3.1
Rubber and plastics products industries	.650	152.0	151.5	151.9	150.2	-1.1
Leather industries	.206	96.1	94.9	97.6	94.7	-3.0
Textile industries	.756	108.7	110.2	110.3	110.5	0.2
Knitting mills	.205	100.3	101.1	100.1	100.3	0.2
Clothing industries	.742	109.6	109.8	110.0	110.0	—
Wood industries	.968	131.2	132.1	138.1	135.5	-1.9
Furniture and fixture industries	.420	112.1	112.4	111.4	112.0	0.5
Paper and allied industries	1.878	117.6	113.2	117.8	117.9	0.1
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1.123	116.3	117.4	118.5	117.6	-0.8
Primary metal industries	1.976	96.8	101.3	107.7	106.6	-1.0
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries)	1.887	120.4	120.7	121.6	122.6	0.8
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery)	1.008	133.3	134.1	132.8	132.3	-0.4
Transportation equipment industries	2.571	132.1	138.1	133.2	132.2	-0.8
Electrical products industries	1.631	118.7	116.9	115.4	115.4	—
Non-metallic mineral products industries	.905	118.8	117.6	115.2	113.0	-1.9
Petroleum and coal products industries	.394	126.2	133.1	135.9	139.3	2.5
Chemical and chemical products industries	1.363	135.1	136.5	139.3	140.0	0.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	.713	112.8	111.2	111.1	111.5	0.4
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	143.3	146.4	147.2	147.6	0.3
Special industry groupings:						
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	117.1	117.2	119.6	119.8	0.2
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	120.3	122.3	122.4	121.8	-0.5

Index of Industrial Production, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased 0.1% to 122.8 in February from the upward-revised level of 122.7 in January. Mining and utilities increased, while manufacturing declined slightly.

For further information, order the February issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)*, (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Elementary-secondary School Enrolment, 1975-76 (81-210, \$1.05)

Abrasives Manufacturers, 1975 (44-202, 70¢)

Refractories Manufacturers, 1975 (44-214, 70¢)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, December 1976 (26-006, 30¢/\$3)

Wineries, 1975 (32-207, 70¢)

Particle Board, February 1977 (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Fish Freezings and Stocks, January 1977 (24-001, 40¢/\$4)

Rigid Insulating Board, February 1977 (36-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletin:

Metals and Minerals (41-010, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 4, No. 10, Aluminum, 1975

Consumer Credit, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$21,868 million at the end of February, 16.4% more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of February 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$16,405 million, up 22.2%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: \$74 million, up 25.4%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,224 million, up 5.8%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$226 million, down 7.0%; large \$1,485 million, down 0.8%; instalment sales paper \$1,112 million, up 0.1%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,344 million, up 3.1%.

Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$5,760 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976, up 14.0% from a year earlier. The largest such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported balances outstanding of \$3,820 million, up 17.8%. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issuers; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies.

Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of 1976 totalled \$27,611 million, up 16.2% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the February issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Federal Government Employment, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Including members of the Canadian Forces, the federal government and its enterprises had 576,164 employees as of December, 1976 with a gross payroll (including overtime and retroactive payments) of \$2,119.9 million for the fourth quarter. (The additional coverage of 26,522 Post Office Christmas helpers and 2,000 revenue post office employees with a gross payroll of \$6.8 million for the quarter constitutes most of the increase in the employment figures when compared to those for the period October-December 1975.)

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact Mr. T. Moore (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Federal Government Finance, 1975-76 — Advance Information.

Gross general revenue receipts of the federal government amounted to \$34,703 million for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976. Gross general expenditure was \$36,845 million, leaving a deficit for the fiscal year of \$2,142 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.M. McIlveen (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Platemaking, Typesetting and Trade Bindery Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The platemaking, typesetting and trade bindery industry shipped \$149.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 10.5% to \$116.6 million, the number of employees decreased 0.7% to 6,683 and total salaries and wages increased 10.6% to \$80.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries*, 1975 (36-203, \$1.40).

Lime Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Lime manufacturers shipped \$44.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down .01% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased .01% to \$24.9 million, the number of employees decreased 6.0% to 790 and total salaries and wages increased 7.1% to \$9.1 million.

For further information, contact John Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Lime Manufacturers*, 1975 (44-209, 70¢).

Weekly Security Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Apr. 7/77 This week	Apr. 1/77 Week ago	Mar. 11/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.4	102.6	102.1
Industrials	85	101.8	103.4	102.2
Foods	9	84.7	83.6	83.5
Alcoholic beverages	5	79.7	80.7	79.7
Textiles and clothing	3	110.4	112.2	114.7
Pulp and paper	7	135.9	137.8	134.0
Printing and publishing	5	101.6	105.0	101.5
Primary metals	4	106.5	109.4	106.1
Industrial mines	6	94.0	96.0	95.8
Metal fabricating	9	179.0	180.3	180.4
Non-metallic minerals	4	89.5	89.5	86.9
Petroleum	8	97.9	98.4	98.6
Chemicals	5	108.8	109.7	109.3
Construction	5	220.0	221.5	223.6
Trade	15	80.8	82.2	78.4
Utilities and services	28	94.8	94.7	94.6
Transportation	6	126.0	126.2	124.8
Pipelines	5	83.4	82.8	82.3
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	97.5	95.9	102.3
Telephone	4	97.9	98.2	96.9
Electric power	3	119.8	119.5	122.9
Gas distribution	5	71.4	71.7	73.2
Finances	21	109.4	110.9	112.6
Banks	8	112.1	113.4	115.1
Investment and loan	9	102.5	104.1	107.1
Insurance	4	106.8	107.8	104.2
Mining Index	17	112.7	114.3	115.1
Gold	9	207.5	211.3	212.8
Base metals	8	67.3	67.8	68.2
Uranium	2	177.5	182.3	181.8
Primary oils and gas index	5	105.7	104.3	102.3

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Urban Transit, February 1977 (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, February 1977 (33-003, 30¢/\$3)

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February 1977 (41-006, 15¢/\$1.50)

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, February 1977 (32-011, 30¢/\$3)

Asphalt Roofing, February 1977 (45-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Metals and Minerals (41-010, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 4, No. 12, Consumption of Lead and Zinc, 1975

Water Transport (54-003, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 3, Commodity Movement Statistics Preliminary, Fourth Quarter of 1976

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, March 1977.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time-period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPI's show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately; for reference see footnote to tables.

From February to March, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from 0.6% in Quebec City and Vancouver to 1.5% in Saskatoon. Higher prices for petroleum products, fresh produce, restaurant meals, and postage were major contributors to these increases. Other important factors included increased prices for clothing and cigarettes along with higher shelter charges.

St. John's

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.2%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.1%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce and coffee; increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline, seasonal clothing items, cigarettes, and postage.

Halifax

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.3%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 6.9%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, pork and restaurant meals; higher prices for fuel oil, gasoline and postage.

Saint John

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.3%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.1%.

Main contributors: higher fuel oil and gasoline prices and increased telephone and postage rates. Prices also up for fresh fruit and cigarettes.

Quebec City

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.6; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.2%.

Main contributors: higher prices for gasoline, fuel oil, postage and seasonal clothing items. Food prices up slightly, particularly for coffee and fresh fruit.

Montreal

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.9%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.3%.

Main contributors: increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline, seasonal clothing items and postage. Higher prices also recorded for fresh fruit, restaurant meals and cigarettes.

Ottawa

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.1%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.0%.

Main contributors: increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline and local transit fares; higher prices for seasonal clothing items and for postage. Food prices up, particularly for fresh fruit, fresh milk and coffee.

Toronto

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.0%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 6.9%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh fruit, milk, coffee and restaurant meals; increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline, domestic gas, postage and seasonal clothing items.

Thunder Bay

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.8%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 6.7%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee and restaurant meals; higher prices for fuel oil, gasoline and postage.

Winnipeg

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.8%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.9%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and higher prices for fuel oil, gasoline and postage. Prices also up for fresh fruit and cigarettes.

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Saskatoon

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.5%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.0%.

Main contributors: higher prices for gasoline, cigarettes, clothing and postage. Food prices up — for fresh fruit, pork and restaurant meals in particular.

Regina

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.3%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 9.6%.

Main contributors: higher prices for gasoline, cigarettes, seasonal clothing items and postage. Food prices up, particularly for fresh produce and coffee.

Edmonton

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.4%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.8%.

Main contributors: higher prices for fresh produce, milk, pork and restaurant meals; increased local transit fares and higher prices for gasoline and furniture.

Calgary

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.0%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.7%.

Main contributors: higher prices for fresh milk, fresh produce, bread, pork, and restaurant meals; increased taxi fares and gasoline prices. Shelter charges and postage rates also up.

Vancouver

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.6%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.2%.

Main contributors: higher rates for electricity, domestic gas, fuel oil, gasoline and postage. Beer and cigarette prices also up. Automobile insurance rates declined. Food at home prices declined slightly.

(see table on pages 4 and 5)

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for the first quarter of 1977 show almost no change in the average number of vacant jobs from the previous quarter, and a decrease of 17% from the comparable period of 1976. For the average day in the first quarter of 1977, vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs totalled 39,900, down marginally from 40,300 in the fourth quarter of 1976.

The number of vacancies for full-time jobs — at 35,400 — remained virtually unchanged from the previous quarter. However, the number of longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) decreased by 10% to 12,600.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the first quarter of 1977, five were vacant, unchanged from the fourth quarter of 1976. A year earlier, the comparable rate was six per 1,000. The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (11 per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (seven per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate (two per 1,000) occurred in Nova Scotia.

Readers should note that the Job Vacancy Survey provides an estimate of the number of vacancies available on an average day in a three-month period. It is not intended to measure all vacancies which occurred during that period. Specifically, vacancies which occur and are filled between any two survey-taking days are not covered. In addition, the survey does not cover openings in agriculture, fishing,

hunting, trapping and households. The Job Vacancy Survey provides consistent and reliable data primarily on trends in job openings over time. For detailed definitions and design of the survey see *Canadian Job Vacancy Survey, Technical Appendix*, 1972 (71-521, 50¢).

Vacancy Rates for Part-time and Full-time Jobs, Canada and Provinces

	1st. Q. 1977p	4th Q. 1976	1st Q. 1976
	(Rates per 1,000 jobs)		
Canada(1)	5	5	6
Atlantic Provinces(2)	3	3	5
Newfoundland	4	4	4
Nova Scotia	2	2	5
New Brunswick	4	4	7
Quebec	4	4	6
Ontario	5	4	5
Manitoba	4	5	8
Saskatchewan	7	8	8
Alberta	11	13	11
British Columbia	3	3	4

p Preliminary estimates.

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), or Ms. M. Beaubien (613-996-7148), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Federal Government Enterprise Finance, 1975 — Advance Information.

Federal government enterprises had income of \$7,002.6 million during the fiscal years ended nearest to December 31, 1975. Expenditure for the corresponding period amounted to \$6,750.6 million. On a financial management basis, this produced a surplus of \$230.6 million after provision for income tax.

For further information, contact Mr. G.M. McIlveen (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Refined Petroleum Products, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 53,399,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in February, an increase of 7.5% compared to the latest available data for February 1976.

Preliminary data shows that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 53,508,000 barrels, an increase of 5.2% over February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
St. John's								
March 1977 index	162.0	187.5	160.2	131.9	157.7	160.3	136.0	141.8
February 1977 index	160.1	184.6	158.1	131.2	155.5	160.2	135.2	140.8
% change from February 1977	1.2	1.6	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.6	0.7
% change from March 1976	7.1	5.8	9.7	6.3	9.1	6.7	2.6	1.5
Halifax								
March 1977 index	152.4	175.5	147.0	130.9	156.0	141.4	134.7	136.2
February 1977 index	150.5	171.6	145.3	130.2	154.5	140.8	134.4	135.3
% change from February 1977	1.3	2.3	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.7
% change from March 1976	6.9	5.5	7.6	6.0	8.5	7.9	4.3	7.2
Saint John								
March 1977 index	155.8	180.1	151.5	130.3	152.7	154.9	149.3	133.0
February 1977 index	153.8	177.7	149.2	128.9	150.7	154.5	148.8	131.7
% change from February 1977	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.3	0.3	0.3	1.0
% change from March 1976	7.1	4.9	9.5	6.1	6.6	7.0	5.7	6.8
Quebec City								
March 1977 index	152.6	177.0	145.8	133.4	153.4	144.8	139.5	139.5
February 1977 index	151.7	176.8	144.8	131.2	151.2	144.4	139.0	139.5
% change from February 1977	0.6	0.1	0.7	1.7	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.0
% change from March 1976	8.2	8.1	9.3	5.8	9.1	6.9	6.6	9.2
Montreal								
March 1977 index	154.2	178.0	142.3	142.9	154.9	148.7	143.8	142.7
February 1977 index	152.8	176.8	141.0	140.6	153.0	148.4	143.4	141.4
% change from February 1977	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.2	0.2	0.3	0.9
% change from March 1976	8.3	7.7	9.1	7.4	9.2	5.6	5.7	10.7
Ottawa								
March 1977 index	154.9	169.4	152.9	145.8	150.9	149.6	136.7	142.8
February 1977 index	153.2	167.5	151.7	143.1	147.8	149.0	136.5	142.1
% change from February 1977	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.9	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.5
% change from March 1976	8.0	4.4	11.8	7.6	7.3	7.9	3.3	8.0
Toronto								
March 1977 index	153.6	172.4	149.1	135.3	150.8	157.6	140.6	140.0
February 1977 index	152.1	170.0	147.7	132.7	149.1	157.4	139.8	139.8
% change from February 1977	1.0	1.4	0.9	2.0	1.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
% change from March 1976	6.9	4.2	9.4	4.5	8.0	8.0	3.7	8.1
Thunder Bay								
March 1977 index	155.1	171.0	155.4	129.6	158.8	152.8	138.3	138.1
February 1977 index	153.9	168.9	154.3	129.0	157.2	152.8	138.2	138.1
% change from February 1977	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
% change from March 1976	6.7	3.8	9.4	4.8	7.3	8.2	4.0	8.0
Winnipeg								
March 1977 index	157.6	173.4	162.9	136.0	149.6	155.9	138.4	141.4
February 1977 index	156.3	173.1	160.3	136.1	147.4	155.9	137.8	140.7
% change from February 1977	0.8	0.2	1.6	-0.1	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.5
% change from March 1976	7.9	3.6	13.8	5.3	6.7	5.9	5.6	9.8
Saskatoon**								
March 1977 index	153.2	170.5	150.5	140.3	145.1	145.8	151.9	141.6
February 1977 index	150.9	168.0	149.4	138.2	140.7	145.4	151.5	135.5
% change from February 1977	1.5	1.5	0.7	1.5	3.1	0.3	0.3	4.5
% change from March 1976	8.0	4.8	9.3	7.3	9.8	8.6	6.4	12.6
Regina**								
March 1977 index	154.7	166.8	154.6	137.9	148.2	152.3	155.7	143.4
February 1977 index	152.7	165.9	153.5	135.5	143.5	152.0	155.0	137.2
% change from February 1977	1.3	0.5	0.7	1.8	3.3	0.2	0.5	4.5
% change from March 1976	9.6	6.6	11.5	6.4	11.3	11.2	7.7	13.8

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Housing	Clothing	Transportation (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recreation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
Edmonton**								
March 1977 index	156.3	167.4	163.2	138.0	156.2	142.0	140.4	133.1
February 1977 index	154.2	164.0	161.6	136.6	152.3	141.2	139.8	132.2
% change from February 1977	1.4	2.1	1.0	1.0	2.6	0.6	0.4	0.7
% change from March 1976	8.8	7.2	12.0	6.3	9.6	6.5	7.3	3.8
Calgary**								
March 1977 index	154.2	164.9	156.0	141.8	152.6	147.9	142.7	135.6
February 1977 index	152.6	162.6	155.1	140.9	149.6	147.0	142.1	134.6
% change from February 1977	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.7
% change from March 1976	7.7	3.5	11.3	6.7	7.8	7.8	8.4	5.8
Vancouver								
March 1977 index	158.4	176.8	156.9	140.5	155.0	151.5	135.1	142.2
February 1977 index	157.4	176.9	153.3	139.7	157.6	151.0	134.3	137.8
% change from February 1977	0.6	-0.1	2.3	0.6	-1.6	0.3	0.6	3.2
% change from March 1976	7.2	4.1	12.0	6.4	4.7	8.2	4.5	8.1

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).

** These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supersede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-009).

Tobacco Products, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for March amounted to 6.5 billion compared to 6.4 billion for March 1976. Production of cigars was 38.0 million compared to 52.7 million for March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin* (32-022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Decorative Laminate Sheet, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Domestic shipments of 1/8-inch high pressure laminate sheet totalled 22.2 million square feet (2.1 Mm²) with a value of \$8.3 million in the January-March period of 1977. In the same quarter of 1976, totals were 26.0 million square feet (2.4 Mm²) and \$8.7 million.

For further information, order the first quarter issue of *Rubber and Plastic Products Industries Service Bulletin* (47-002, \$1.40 per year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1,003.5 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in January compared to a revised 780.9 million feet a year earlier.

For further information, order the January issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 16, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 16 was 281,220 short tons (255 118 t), an increase of 3.0% from the preceding week's total of 272,940 short tons (247 607 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 265,589 tons (240 938 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 153.5 in the current week, 149.0 a week earlier and 145.0 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending April 7

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,557,247	1,975,396	4,532,643
Short tons, 1976	2,482,273	1,837,033	4,319,306
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 319 895	1 792 049	4 111 944
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 251 880	1 666 528	3 918 408
% change	3.0	7.5	4.9
Cars, 1977	41,739	30,457	72,196
Cars, 1976	41,236	27,952	69,188
% change	1.2	9.0	4.3
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	149,463	60,237	209,700
Short tons, 1976	129,987	35,920	165,907
Metric tonnes, 1977	135 591	54 646	190 237
Metric tonnes, 1976	117 922	32 586	150 508
% change	15.0	67.7	26.4
Cars, 1977	4,892	2,555	7,447
Cars, 1976	4,253	1,664	5,917
% change	15.0	53.5	25.9
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	31,579,985	28,038,004	59,617,989
Short tons, 1976	30,757,703	25,227,406	55,985,109
Metric tonnes, 1977	28 648 880	25 435 649	54 084 529
Metric tonnes, 1976	27 902 919	22 885 918	50 788 837
% change	2.7	11.1	6.5
Cars, 1977	532,085	425,953	958,038
Cars, 1976	528,143	394,617	922,760
% change	0.7	7.9	3.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	2,148,338	774,826	2,923,164
Short tons, 1976	1,711,076	653,952	2,365,028
Metric tonnes, 1977	1 948 939	702 910	2 651 849
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 552 262	593 255	2 145 517
% change	25.6	18.5	23.6
Cars, 1977	65,567	33,377	98,944
Cars, 1976	57,524	27,622	85,146
% change	14.0	20.8	16.2

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended April 7, 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Canadian carload freight totalled 4.5 million short tons (4.1 million t) in the first week of April, 4.9% above the corresponding seven days in 1976. The number of cars loaded at 72,196 was up 4.3%.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 26.4% in the latest period.

From January 1 through April 7, revenue freight loaded was up 6.5% over the 1976 level. Piggyback traffic registered an increase of 23.6%.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wholesale Trade, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales by wholesale merchants for February were estimated at \$3,828,367,000, up 6.5% from \$3,595,631,000 in February 1976.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$7,368,976,000 at the end of February, an increase of 13.9% from \$6,469,079,000 on hand a year earlier.

For further details, order the February issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, April 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 25.3 million pounds on April 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 62.9 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 56.3 million pounds from 56.8 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 38.0% to 197.3 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased 9.7% to 17.7 million.

For further information, order the April issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Dairy Factory Production, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of creamery butter decreased 34.9% in March to 13.8 million pounds from 21.2 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production increased 10.3% to 14.7 million pounds from 13.4 million pounds and production of ice cream mix increased 3.9% to 2.4 million gallons from 2.3 million gallons.

For further information, order the March issue of *Dairy Factory Production* (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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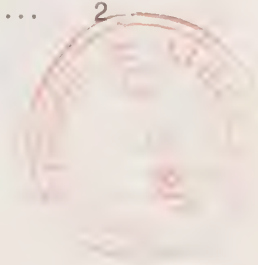
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Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers' shipments in February, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8,650.6 million, down 0.5% from the revised January level of \$8,697.5 million. Durable goods shipments declined 1.4% to \$3,984.7 million from \$4,039.8 million, while non-durable goods shipments edged up to \$4,665.9 million from \$4,657.7 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8,706.4 million, 2.1% lower than the revised January value of \$8,888.8 million. Durable goods new orders dropped 3.3% to \$4,059.3 million from \$4,196.3 million and non-durable goods new orders decreased 1.0% to \$4,647.1 million from \$4,692.5 million.

Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, increased 0.6% to \$9,422.5 million from \$9,366.7 million.

Total inventory owned in February, seasonally adjusted, increased 1.0% to \$16,999.3 million from \$16,837.4 million. Total inventory held rose 0.7% to \$17,879.6 million from \$17,761.2 million with increases of 1.5% and 1.1% in goods in process and finished products and a decrease of 0.2% in raw materials.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.97:1, up from the revised January ratio of 1.94:1. The finished products to shipments ratio was 0.68:1, up from the revised January ratio of 0.67:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in February were estimated at \$8,187.0 million, 2.7% higher than the revised January value of \$7,973.2 million. All provinces listed, except Newfoundland and British Columbia, showed increases ranging from 6.4% in Manitoba to 0.7% in New Brunswick. Shipments for the first two months of 1977 were estimated at \$16,160.2 million, 9.7% higher than the January-February 1976 estimate of \$14,727.1 million.

For further information, order the February issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of April amounted to 126.5 million pounds compared with 129.9 million last month and 104.1 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the April issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Roundwood production increased 30.0% to 1,145,882 cunits (3 245 000 m3) in February from 881,278 cunits (2 494 000 m3) in February 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased 24.2% to 2,269,120 cunits (6 426 000 m3) from 1,826,232 cunits (5 171 000 m3) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased 9.2% to 11,009,978 cunits (31 177 000 m3) from 12,119,818 cunits (34 318 000 m3). Receipts of wood residue increased 21.2% to 976,971 cunits (2 767 000 m3) from 806,119 cunits (2 281 000 m3).

For further information, order the February issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1973 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	Feb. 1977p	Jan. 1977r	Dec. 1976	Feb. 1976
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments: Total	8,187.0	7,973.2	8,311.5	7,539.9
Non-durable	4,423.3	4,283.4	4,570.6	4,013.8
Durable	3,763.7	3,689.8	3,740.8	3,526.1
New Orders: Total	8,242.6	8,210.7	8,233.4	7,461.1
Non-durable	4,405.0	4,341.3	4,538.2	4,015.1
Durable	3,837.5	3,869.4	3,695.2	3,446.0
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,499.7	9,444.2	9,206.7	10,000.9
Non-durable	1,306.3	1,324.7	1,266.8	1,257.4
Durable	8,193.4	8,119.5	7,939.9	8,743.4
Inventory Owned: Total	17,165.1	16,961.5	16,749.2	15,948.5
Inventory Held: Total	18,045.8	17,871.0	17,589.8	16,776.0
Raw materials	7,221.3	7,297.5	7,367.2	6,891.5
Goods in process	4,767.5	4,685.0	4,583.3	4,514.7
Finished Products	6,056.9	5,888.5	5,639.2	5,369.8
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Shipments: Total	8,650.6	8,697.5	8,639.5	7,790.1
Non-durable	4,665.9	4,657.7	4,706.1	4,127.6
Durable	3,984.7	4,039.8	3,933.4	3,662.5
New Orders: Total	8,706.4	8,888.8	8,461.0	7,702.0
Non-durable	4,647.1	4,692.5	4,680.4	4,122.5
Durable	4,059.3	4,196.3	3,780.6	3,579.5
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,422.5	9,366.7	9,175.4	9,921.9
Non-durable	1,320.0	1,338.8	1,304.0	1,269.0
Durable	8,102.5	8,027.9	7,871.4	8,652.9
Inventory Owned: Total	16,999.3	16,837.4	16,765.8	15,827.6
Inventory Held: Total	17,879.6	17,761.2	17,620.7	16,666.3
Raw materials	7,209.7	7,222.9	7,230.9	6,876.3
Goods in process	4,744.3	4,674.7	4,618.6	4,521.0
Finished products	5,925.6	5,863.6	5,771.2	5,269.0
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	1.97	1.94	1.94	2.03
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.58

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Seasonally Adjusted					
	Feb. 1977p	Jan. 1977r	% change	Jan.-Feb. 1977p	Jan.-Feb. 1976	% change
	(\$ millions)			(\$ millions)		
Newfoundland	45.0	47.6	-5.5	92.6	93.5	-1.0
Nova Scotia	186.4	183.9	1.4	370.3	323.4	14.5
New Brunswick	145.0	144.1	0.7	289.1	280.9	2.9
Quebec	2,121.9	2,051.0	3.5	4,172.9	3,874.9	7.7
Ontario	4,251.7	4,131.9	2.9	8,383.6	7,511.4	11.6
Manitoba	213.9	201.1	6.4	415.1	403.9	2.8
Saskatchewan	87.7	86.7	1.1	174.4	158.5	10.1
Alberta	414.6	401.7	3.2	816.3	750.0	8.8
British Columbia	712.4	717.3	-0.7	1,429.7	1,313.0	8.9
Canada*	8,187.0	7,973.2	2.7	16,160.2	14,727.1	9.7

*Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Apr. 15/77 This week	Apr. 7/77 Week ago	Mar. 18/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	101.4	101.4	103.5
Industrials	85	101.7	101.8	104.1
Foods	9	85.3	84.7	84.0
Alcoholic beverages	5	78.1	79.7	79.9
Textiles and clothing	3	109.1	110.4	115.0
Pulp and paper	7	133.9	135.9	139.8
Printing and publishing	5	100.9	101.6	104.1
Primary metals	4	106.0	106.5	108.3
Industrial mines	6	93.6	94.0	97.8
Metal fabricating	9	187.5	179.0	183.9
Non-metallic minerals	4	87.4	89.5	85.5
Petroleum	8	97.6	97.9	99.4
Chemicals	5	108.1	108.8	110.3
Construction	5	221.9	220.0	219.7
Trade	15	81.1	80.8	80.9
Utilities and services	28	95.2	94.8	95.0
Transportation	6	127.6	126.0	129.4
Pipelines	5	84.1	83.4	82.1
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	98.8	97.5	101.2
Telephone	4	97.9	97.9	96.9
Electric power	3	117.4	119.8	120.1
Gas distribution	5	71.4	71.4	71.8
Finances	21	109.3	109.4	113.1
Banks	8	112.0	112.1	115.6
Investment and loan	9	102.3	102.5	107.7
Insurance	4	105.9	106.8	104.7
Mining Index	17	113.3	112.7	114.7
Gold	9	209.2	207.5	210.7
Base metals	8	67.3	67.3	68.6
Uraniums	2	178.6	177.5	181.6
Primary oils and gas index	5	105.9	105.7	102.6

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for February are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 3, Stocks of Grain at March 31, 1977 (22-002, \$5.60 for series of 20)

Mental Health Statistics, Volume II, 1970-1974 (83-208, \$3.50)

Corporation Taxation Statistics, 1974 (61-208, \$2.10)

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, February 1977 (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, February 1977 (41-011, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, February 1977 (26-007, 15¢/\$1.50)

Silver, Lead and Zinc Production, February 1977 (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Footwear Statistics, February 1977 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, March 1977 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No 37, Pack of Processed Potatoes, 1976

Selected Dairy By-Products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 5, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder, March 1977

Law Enforcement, Judicial and Correctional Statistics (85-001, N/C), Vol. 5, No. 1, Provincial/Territorial Adult Correctional Institutions Preliminary Statistics, 1975

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 12, No. 1, Retail Gasoline Statistics, 4th Quarter 1976

Real Domestic Product, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased 0.1% to 125.6 in February from the upwardly-revised level of 125.5 in January. The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production rose 0.1%. In February, goods-producing industries were unchanged from January, while output of service-producing industries advanced 0.2%.

In goods-producing industries, higher production levels were recorded in mining, utilities, fishing and trapping and construction. In mining, most of the gain reflected increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas and, to a lesser extent, asbestos mines. Output of utilities rose slightly due to an advance in electric power utilities. There was a marginal rise in construction, although residential and non-residential building activity declined. Manufacturing, agriculture and forestry declined in February. In manufacturing, non-durables advanced slightly, mainly on the strength of increases recorded by manufacturers of food and beverage products, petroleum and coal products, and chemical and chemical products. A significant drop was recorded in durables manufacturing, mostly due to decreases in wood products, primary metals, transportation equipment and non-metallic mineral products industries. Agriculture declined due to lower livestock production while the decline in forestry was attributed to lower levels of logging and pulpwood production.

The service-producing industries increased 0.2% in February. Gains were recorded in transportation, storage and communication, in community, business and personal services, and in public administration and defence. The increase in transportation, storage and communication reflected significant advances in air, rail and bus transport and grain elevators. Increases in education and related services and health and welfare services accounted for most of the strength in community, business and personal services. In public administration and defence services, all components increased except local administration which showed a slight decrease. Trade declined in February due to a sharp drop in retail trade, although wholesale trade showed a significant increase resulting from increased activity by wholesale merchants. In retail trade, virtually all major store-types recorded significant decreases in the month.

For further information, order the February issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (including the Index of Industrial Production), (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976		1977		% Change
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
Real Domestic Product	100.000	124.2	125.0	125.5	125.6	0.1
Agriculture	3.371	93.4	94.1	88.1	86.9	-1.4
Forestry	.715	113.2	117.3	112.6	109.3	-2.9
Fishing and Trapping	.181	81.9	77.5	78.4	81.9	4.5
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.3	113.8	114.8	116.5	1.5
Manufacturing industries	22.862	118.7	119.8	121.0	120.8	-0.2
Construction industry	6.990	113.2	115.1	116.6	116.7	0.1
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	131.6	132.1	133.4	134.8	1.0
Transportation	5.874	121.6	122.9	123.6	125.1	1.2
Air transport and services incidental to air transport	.679	168.8	180.6	187.5	189.4	1.0
Railway transport	1.700	113.8	113.1	112.4	116.2	3.4
Bus transport, interurban and rural	.089	126.1	123.9	118.0	124.8	5.8
Urban transit systems	.250	115.7	113.9	121.8	117.8	-3.3
Pipeline transport	.489	134.3	134.2	127.1	127.2	0.1
Storage	.258	97.8	87.5	85.1	102.7	20.7
Grain elevators	.177	91.6	76.6	73.1	98.7	35.0
Communication	2.964	154.2	154.2	156.9	156.7	-0.1
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	143.3	146.4	147.2	147.6	0.3
Trade	11.367	133.8	135.6	135.5	135.1	-0.3
Wholesale trade	4.509	124.5	124.7	126.1	127.3	1.0
Wholesale merchants	3.242	125.6	125.5	126.6	128.5	1.5
Retail trade	6.858	139.9	142.7	141.7	140.2	-1.1
Food stores	1.368	118.1	118.0	114.3	112.5	-1.6
General merchandise stores	1.562	139.9	140.6	142.5	139.0	-2.5
Department stores	.927	162.6	164.0	165.4	161.8	-2.2
Other general merchandise stores	.635	106.9	106.5	109.1	105.7	-3.1
Motor vehicle dealers	.697	152.6	163.1	165.3	162.9	-1.5
Clothing stores	.462	132.0	140.5	134.6	133.5	-0.8
Hardware stores	.098	120.0	122.6	116.7	117.4	0.6
Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores	.177	148.9	145.2	142.1	145.0	2.0
Drug stores	.290	174.3	181.5	170.1	168.5	-0.9
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	131.3	132.0	132.4	132.3	-0.1
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	126.4	126.2	126.8	126.9	0.1
Education and related services	6.509	114.7	114.7	115.7	116.3	0.5
Health and welfare services	5.272	130.4	130.9	131.2	131.7	0.4
Amusement and recreation services	.427	151.8	152.1	150.8	150.4	-0.3
Services to business management	2.311	135.0	134.8	134.9	134.2	-0.5
Personal services	1.000	107.1	107.2	107.4	108.0	0.6
Accommodation and food services	2.799	140.1	137.7	138.9	138.0	-0.6
Public administration and defence	7.388	124.7	124.7	124.6	125.2	0.5
Special groupings:						
Index of industrial production	29.497	120.4	121.5	122.7	122.8	0.1
Real domestic product less agriculture	96.629	125.3	126.1	126.8	126.9	0.1
Goods-producing industries	40.754	116.6	117.9	118.4	118.4	—
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	37.383	118.7	120.0	121.2	121.2	—
Service-producing industries	59.246	129.4	129.9	130.3	130.6	0.2
Commercial industries	81.341	125.4	126.4	126.9	126.9	—
Commercial industries less agriculture	77.970	126.8	127.8	128.6	128.7	0.1
Non-commercial industries	18.659	118.8	118.8	119.2	119.8	0.5
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	117.1	117.2	119.6	119.8	0.2
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	120.3	122.3	122.4	121.8	-0.5

Local Government Finance, Actual 1974 — Advance Information.

Actual general revenue raised by local governments in 1974 from their own sources — real property and other taxes, sales of service, licenses, permits and other charges — increased 13.0% over 1973 to \$6,337 million. Transfers from other governments amounted to \$5,950 million, or 48.4% of total general revenue. The significant portions of these transfers were the specific purpose transfers from provincial and territorial governments amounting to \$5,120 million, up 22.3% from 1973. Total general revenue at \$12,287 million rose \$1,787 million (17.0%).

General expenditure at \$13,307 million in 1974 showed an increase of 18.3% over 1973. Education expenditure at \$5,616 million was up 18.8% and represented 42.2% of the total expenditure. The 1974 expenditure on transportation and communications represented 12.9% of the total general expenditure, while fiscal services represented 8.1%, environment 8.3%, protection of persons and property 7.5% and other functions of expenditure slightly smaller percentages.

Further details of these and other financial management statistics of local governments will be published in *Local Government Finance, Actual 1974* (68-204, \$1.05). Pending release of the publication, further information may be obtained from G.A. Marr (613-995-0713), Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Fibre and Filament Yarn Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Fibre and filament yarn manufacturers shipped \$266.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 13.1% to \$145 million, the number of employees decreased 10.1% to 6,317 and total salaries and wages increased 6.3% to \$73 million.

For further information, contact Elliott Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Man-made Fibre Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975* (34-208, 70¢).

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, April 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on April 1 totalled 28.8 million pounds compared with 30.9 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 101.5 million pounds (121.0 million in 1976).

For further information, order the April issue of *Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables* (32-010, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

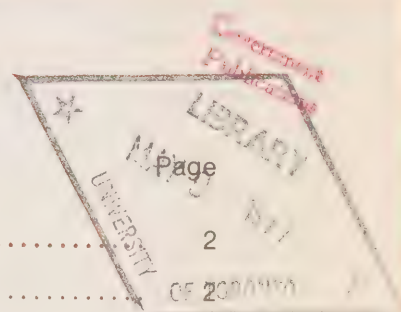
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- Retail Chain Stores, 1975** (63-210, \$1.40)
- Canadian Citizenship Statistics, 1975** (91-205, 70¢)
- Asbestos Mines, 1975** (26-205, 70¢)
- Coal and Coke Statistics, January 1977** (45-002, 40¢/\$4)
- Shipping Statistics, December 1976** (54-002, 30¢/\$3)
- New Motor Vehicle Sales, February 1977** (63-007, 30¢/\$3)
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Real Domestic Product by Industry, by Years, 1961-1971 (1960 S.I.C.)

(Indexes 1961=100)

	1961											
	GDP	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Industry	%											
Real Domestic Product	100.000	100.0	107.0	112.9	120.6	129.4	138.2	143.0	151.0	160.3	164.0	173.8
Goods-Producing Industries	44.401	100.0	109.3	116.2	124.2	134.4	145.2	146.4	155.5	165.2	166.5	176.8
Service-Producing Industries	55.599	100.0	105.1	110.2	117.7	125.3	132.6	140.3	147.4	156.4	162.0	171.4
Index of Industrial Production	32.591	100.0	108.5	115.4	126.0	136.7	146.8	152.5	162.3	173.4	175.9	185.3

Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 — Advance Information.

As part of the forthcoming publication *Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 (1961=100)*, (Catalogue 61-516), annual indexes containing revisions to the Real Domestic Product measures for the period 1961 to 1971 have been prepared, with some expansion in industrial detail for the service-producing industries. These data are shown in the accompanying table for the main aggregates.

Users should note that because of the incorporation of the above-mentioned statistical revisions, RDP indexes shown in the table will in some cases differ from previously published RDP indexes.

Users may obtain copies of the table containing the full industrial detail and additional information regarding the data by contacting Mrs. M. Galea (613-995-0581), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Crude petroleum production for January amounted to 1,411,000 barrels/day, down 3.1% from 1,456,000 B/D in January 1976.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,762,000 Mcf./day, an increase of 4.5% from 10,297,000 Mcf./D.

For further information, order the January issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Fertilizer Trade, 12 Months Ending June 1976 — Advance Information.

Advance information on fertilizer trade for the 12 months ending June 1976 is now available on request. Please contact John Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Carpet, Mat and Rug Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The carpet, mat and rug industry shipped \$356.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 4.9% to \$131 million, the number of employees decreased 1.6% to 7,235 and total salaries and wages increased 8.6% to \$63.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Carpet, Mat and Rug Industry, 1975* (34-221, 70¢).

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Employment, Earnings and Hours, January 1977 (72-002, 70¢/\$7)

Department Store Sales and Stocks, January 1977 (63-002, 40¢/\$4)

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, 1975 (53-206, \$1.40)

Oil Pipe Line Transport, January 1977 (55-001, 30¢/\$3)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, January 1977 (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

Service Bulletin:

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 3, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, March 1977

Employment, Earnings and Hours (Seasonally Adjusted), February 1977 — Advance Information.

The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for February show a 0.1% decrease from January. Construction, finance, insurance and real estate and service registered declines while the other industry divisions recorded increases. Gains were registered in the Atlantic and the Prairie regions but Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded decreases.

Average weekly earnings rose 1.0% at the national industrial composite level in February. All industry divisions and all regions posted gains.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in February in manufacturing and in construction but decreased in mining. Average hourly earnings rose in all three industry divisions.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours*.

Detailed information for December and January will be published in the February issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

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Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), February 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table presents seasonally-adjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961-based data contained in *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

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Floor Tiles, Linoleum and Coated Fabrics Manufacturing Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The floor tiles, linoleum and coated fabrics manufacturing industry shipped \$135.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 14.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 19.5% to \$66.2 million, the number of employees decreased 13.2% to 3,133 and total salaries and wages decreased 6.0% to \$32.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975* (47-215, \$1.05).

Sales Financing, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales finance companies purchased \$186.0 million of retail finance paper in February, an increase of 2.8% compared with the \$180.9 million purchased in February 1976. The total purchases comprised \$44.1 million for passenger cars, \$26.3 million for other consumer goods, \$78.4 million for commercial vehicles and \$37.2 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing, undertaken by these companies during the fourth quarter of 1976 amounted to \$1,810.4 million, a decrease of 7.7% from the \$1,961.1 million financed during the corresponding quarter in 1975.

For further information, order the February issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal and Coke Statistics, February 1977 — Advance Information.

February coal production increased 17% to 2,913,192 tons (2 642 803 metric tonnes) from 2,489,764 tons (2 258 675 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports increased to 73,188 tons (66 395 metric tonnes) from 12,048 tons (10 929 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 2,637,081 tons (2 392 320 metric tonnes) of coal, up 646,224 tons (586 245 metric tonnes) and 449,756 tons (408 012 metric tonnes) of coke, down 8,038 tons (7 292 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the February issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 23, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 23 was 278,083 short tons (252 273 t), a decrease of 1.1% from the preceding week's total of 281,220 short tons (255 118 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 281,699 tons (255 553 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 151.8 in the current week, 153.5 a week earlier and 153.7 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

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Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Employment Index Number									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
	1977f	1977p	1976p	1976r	1976	1976	1977f	1977p	1976p	1976r
	1961=100									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	66.1	64.9	70.8	80.6	58.4	56.4	76.3	72.3	75.0	76.0
Mining, including milling	119.9	119.5	119.3	120.2	116.4	116.3	120.6	121.2	120.6	120.0
Manufacturing	123.2	123.6	124.6	127.6	126.1	124.1	126.3	126.6	127.0	127.2
Durable Goods	135.2	135.9	137.6	140.4	140.0	139.2	138.1	138.5	139.4	139.1
Non-durable Goods	113.6	113.6	114.2	117.2	114.8	111.9	116.9	116.8	117.3	117.3
Construction	96.1	96.7	103.8	117.4	100.4	101.5	111.8	112.6	117.9	112.6
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	126.3	126.3	127.9	129.8	123.4	124.4	130.0	129.6	129.7	129.5
Trade	168.9	170.7	178.1	178.5	168.3	170.6	173.0	172.9	170.3	171.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	188.4	189.2	188.6	188.3	178.7	177.7	189.7	190.8	189.2	188.4
Service	236.8	236.4	238.6	243.5	230.0	229.0	245.0	246.8	247.6	246.6
Industrial Composite	139.8	140.2	142.8	145.8	139.3	138.9	144.4	144.6	144.4	144.3
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	122.6	122.1	127.4	133.0	123.8	124.2	131.7	130.0	132.0	131.0
Newfoundland	123.8	120.6	129.3	136.4	123.2	119.6	134.9	131.3	135.5	133.1
Prince Edward Island	132.9	130.2	137.9	146.2	126.0	130.1	154.6	147.8	147.3	144.5
Nova Scotia	122.0	122.0	124.9	129.6	123.2	124.1	127.8	127.8	127.2	128.4
New Brunswick	121.7	122.6	128.2	133.9	124.9	126.7	131.7	131.2	133.3	131.6
Quebec	124.3	125.2	127.5	130.0	126.3	126.3	128.3	129.0	129.5	128.2
Ontario	143.4	144.1	146.4	149.3	143.0	142.2	147.2	147.5	147.1	147.7
Prairie Region	153.7	153.3	156.1	158.9	149.0	149.1	159.0	158.6	158.5	158.2
Manitoba	122.4	122.3	124.9	128.2	124.8	125.6	126.1	125.7	126.3	127.3
Saskatchewan	140.0	139.0	142.3	145.4	136.7	136.0	146.4	145.1	145.1	144.1
Alberta	185.5	185.1	188.0	190.2	174.3	174.1	191.5	191.2	191.0	190.0
British Columbia	164.9	164.9	167.3	170.9	161.2	160.6	170.4	171.0	170.8	170.2
Yukon	177.3	174.7	173.9	178.4	177.8	173.7	191.7	188.5	181.3	180.4
Northwest Territories	148.5	149.6	145.2	149.6	146.0	145.1	162.7	167.8	161.0	158.9
Canada	139.8	140.2	142.8	145.8	139.3	138.9	144.4	144.6	144.4	144.3

... figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Feb. 1977f	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976r	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1977f	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976p	Nov. 1976r
						dollars				
Industry Division:										
Forestry	333.71	312.35	246.28	313.40	291.30	279.03	320.26	309.99	273.83	304.07
Mining, including milling	337.65	338.75	334.48	334.16	310.03	306.10	334.90	334.60	334.85	329.94
Manufacturing	257.55	255.39	250.36	251.93	232.57	229.34	256.50	253.77	255.44	250.13
Durable Goods	273.25	271.54	266.38	269.86	248.90	245.60	273.03	270.35	275.50	267.21
Non-durable Goods	241.25	239.77	234.75	234.62	216.50	213.02	239.86	238.53	237.31	234.01
Construction	348.09	338.76	310.11	350.86	328.55	317.46	346.91	339.81	348.28	345.85
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	281.52	279.50	274.21	273.31	252.51	250.39	279.98	278.05	276.73	274.57
Trade	185.12	182.95	184.27	179.81	169.13	167.12	186.84	185.23	186.06	182.99
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	222.12	220.59	218.59	215.89	207.40	203.93	220.27	219.60	220.02	218.40
Industrial Composite	167.64	167.84	165.49	163.52	155.03	155.35	168.55	167.07	166.51	163.95
	241.30	238.99	234.02	236.57	220.02	217.03	241.20	238.87	240.79	236.33
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	217.87	218.13	209.08	210.02	195.21	193.01	215.56	215.27	214.09	210.72
Newfoundland	232.70	238.27	227.34	229.38	214.10	211.36	229.31	236.57	234.95	230.56
Prince Edward Island	187.92	189.18	175.96	183.51	166.85	166.98
Nova Scotia	207.77	205.44	199.63	200.15	185.19	183.86	206.90	203.06	205.63	201.32
New Brunswick	223.24	223.25	211.47	211.38	197.58	194.95	219.70	218.12	213.56	211.59
Quebec	235.74	234.02	230.10	231.94	216.20	211.25	235.48	233.72	236.58	231.38
Ontario	240.16	237.93	233.73	236.14	220.32	218.29	240.23	237.64	239.94	236.00
Prairie Region	239.76	235.84	231.52	233.52	215.23	212.17	239.62	237.24	236.56	233.89
Manitoba	219.66	219.28	215.88	215.25	198.34	195.33	221.16	220.49	219.77	216.29
Saskatchewan	227.88	224.65	224.69	222.76	204.55	202.04	228.43	226.58	226.55	222.76
Alberta	254.57	248.46	242.35	247.22	228.80	225.60	253.81	248.86	248.46	247.32
British Columbia	274.34	271.29	262.37	269.26	249.18	246.89	276.58	270.80	267.48	263.33
Yukon	337.44	334.90	321.31	321.28	286.11	294.99
Northwest Territories	286.72	286.58	285.39	300.75	279.29	274.79
Canada	241.30	238.99	234.02	236.57	220.02	217.03	241.20	238.87	240.79	236.33

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Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.)	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
	1977f	1977p	1976p	1976r	1976 number	1976	1977f	1977p	1976p	1976r
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	40.4	40.8	40.5	41.2	40.7	40.7	39.9	40.3	40.9	40.5
Manufacturing	38.8	38.5	38.2	39.1	38.9	38.7	38.7	58.4	39.8	38.7
Durable Goods	39.6	39.1	39.0	40.1	39.6	39.4	39.5	39.0	40.7	39.6
Non-durable Goods	37.9	37.9	37.3	38.2	38.1	38.0	37.7	37.8	38.6	37.8
Construction	37.6	37.1	34.1	39.3	39.8	38.6	38.1	38.0	38.9	39.1
Building	36.5	36.5	33.9	37.7	38.5	37.6	36.7	36.9	38.0	37.2
Engineering	40.0	38.7	34.5	42.3	42.9	41.1	40.4	40.0	40.7	42.3
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	38.5	38.1	37.3	37.5	38.8	38.5	38.6	37.5	38.9	37.7
Quebec	38.8	39.0	38.3	39.6	39.1	38.9	38.5	38.9	40.1	39.1
Ontario	39.4	38.4	38.7	39.6	39.3	39.2	39.4	38.4	40.2	39.2
Prairie Region	37.1	37.3	37.0	37.5	37.5	37.4	37.1	37.3	37.7	37.1
British Columbia	36.6	36.9	36.1	37.0	36.7	36.9	36.4	36.9	37.1	36.7
					dollars					
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	7.84	7.86	7.86	7.72	7.16	7.10	7.85	7.87	7.81	7.69
Manufacturing	6.14	6.10	6.02	5.98	5.51	5.42	6.16	6.09	6.01	5.99
Durable Goods	6.52	6.49	6.38	6.37	5.90	5.83	6.55	6.49	6.42	6.36
Non-durable Goods	5.73	5.68	5.62	5.55	5.09	4.95	5.75	5.67	5.59	5.57
Construction	9.46	9.26	8.96	9.17	8.50	8.39	9.32	9.12	9.08	9.01
Building	9.27	9.23	8.97	9.19	8.49	8.37	9.22	9.13	9.10	9.06
Engineering	9.84	9.34	8.93	9.15	8.51	8.42	9.62	9.24	9.16	9.04
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.75	5.74	5.58	5.45	5.04	4.75	5.61	5.60	5.36	5.43
Quebec	5.53	5.48	5.39	5.39	4.95	4.87	5.55	5.49	5.35	5.39
Ontario	6.21	6.14	6.10	6.07	5.65	5.55	6.23	6.11	6.11	6.07
Prairie Region	6.16	6.12	6.12	6.04	5.47	5.45	6.24	6.17	6.16	6.04
British Columbia	8.08	8.02	7.95	7.86	7.14	7.10	8.10	8.00	7.90	7.83

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Employment Indexes, (1971=100), Selected Industries, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)

Industry (1960 S.I.C.)	1971 percentage weights	Nov. 1976r	Dec. 1976p	Jan. 1977p	Feb. 1977f
Industrial Composite	100.00	112.7	112.7	112.9	112.7
Forestry	1.21	95.5	94.2	91.0	95.9
Mining, including milling	3.16	104.5	104.9	105.5	105.0
Manufacturing	39.54	104.1	103.1	103.4	103.1
Durable Goods	19.14	104.9	105.0	104.4	104.0
Non-Durable Goods	20.39	103.0	102.6	102.2	102.3
Construction	5.85	98.2	102.8	98.2	97.5
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	16.01	113.0	113.1	113.0	113.4
Transportation	9.53	104.8	104.5	104.9	..
Storage	0.38	97.6	95.9	95.4	..
Communication	3.96	131.6	132.3	130.7	..
Electric Power, Gas and Water	2.15	119.3	119.2	118.4	..
Trade	17.58	121.7	120.8	122.6	122.6
Wholesale Trade	5.84	118.3	118.8	117.8	117.9
Retail Trade	11.73	123.0	121.9	124.3	125.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6.65	129.7	129.9	131.1	130.3
Service	10.01	133.2	133.8	133.3	132.3
Recreational Services	1.04	134.2	130.4	131.4	..
Business Services	2.31	142.8	141.0	141.9	..
Personal Services	4.68	127.2	129.0	127.5	..

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Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

March 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	% Change	
				Mar./77 Feb./77	Mar./77 Mar./76
Canada, Total	169.0	168.1	155.8	0.5	8.5
Materials	160.3	158.8	151.8	0.9	5.6
Labour	184.5	184.5	163.0	—	13.2
Atlantic Provinces, Total	179.9	179.4	163.8	0.3	9.8
Materials	164.2	163.4	154.0	0.5	6.6
Labour	207.0	207.0	180.9	—	14.4
Quebec, Total	170.1	168.5	158.5	0.9	7.3
Materials	165.2	162.8	156.3	1.5	5.7
Labour	179.3	179.3	162.6	—	10.3
Ontario, Total	164.1	163.6	151.8	0.3	8.1
Materials	156.1	155.3	149.5	0.5	4.4
Labour	177.8	177.8	155.9	—	14.0
Prairie Provinces, Total	178.1	176.5	161.8	0.9	10.1
Materials	162.7	160.4	152.4	1.4	6.8
Labour	207.9	207.9	180.2	—	15.4
British Columbia, Total	168.1	167.1	153.9	0.6	9.2
Materials	162.0	160.5	150.5	0.9	7.6
Labour	178.8	178.8	160.1	—	11.7

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Union Wage Rate Indexes, including selected pay supplements are now available for March 1977.

Corrugated Box Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of corrugated boxes shipped \$511.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 3.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 6.9% to \$193.5 million, the number of employees decreased 7.8% to 10,634 and total salaries and wages increased 4.7% to \$119.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Corrugated Box Manufacturers, 1975* (36-213, 70¢).

Industrial Research and Development Expenditures in Canada, 1975-77 — Advance Information.

Industry spent \$787 million for research and development in 1975, an increase of 13% over 1974. Estimated expenditures for 1976 were \$883 million and for 1977 are \$950 million.

For further information, contact the Science Statistics Centre (613-995-3014), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended April 14

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,502,286	1,891,135	4,393,421
Short tons, 1976	2,343,956	1,757,988	4,101,944
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 270 036	1 715 609	3 985 645
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 126 401	1 594 820	3 721 221
% change	6.8	7.6	7.1
Cars, 1977	39,804	28,344	68,148
Cars, 1976	38,872	26,658	65,530
% change	2.4	6.3	4.0
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	147,994	53,217	201,211
Short tons, 1976	123,576	38,747	162,323
Metric tonnes, 1977	134 258	48 278	182 536
Metric tonnes, 1976	112 106	35 151	147 257
% change	19.8	37.3	24.0
Cars, 1977	4,393	2,263	6,656
Cars, 1976	3,945	1,727	5,672
% change	11.4	31.0	17.3
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	34,082,271	29,929,139	64,011,410
Short tons, 1976	33,101,659	26,985,394	60,087,053
Metric tonnes, 1977	30 918 916	27 151 258	58 070 174
Metric tonnes, 1976	30 029 320	24 480 738	54 510 058
% change	3.0	10.9	6.5
Cars, 1977	571,889	454,297	1,026,186
Cars, 1976	567,015	421,275	988,290
% change	0.9	7.8	3.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	2,296,332	828,043	3,124,375
Short tons, 1976	1,834,652	692,699	2,527,351
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 083 197	751 188	2 834 385
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 664 368	628 406	2 292 774
% change	25.2	19.5	23.6
Cars, 1977	69,960	35,640	105,600
Cars, 1976	61,469	29,349	90,818
% change	13.8	21.4	16.3

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended April 14, 1977 —
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Canadian rail freight loadings totalled 4.4 million short tons (4.0 million t) in the second week of April, up 7.1% from the corresponding seven days in 1976. The number of cars loaded increased 4.0% to 68,148.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 24.0% in the most recent week; shipments were 19.8% higher in the East and were up 37.3% in the West.

From January 1 to April 14, 1977, rail carload traffic at 64.0 million short tons (58.1 million t) was 6.5% above the 1976 level; cars loaded were up 3.8%; and piggyback shipments were 23.6% higher.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information.

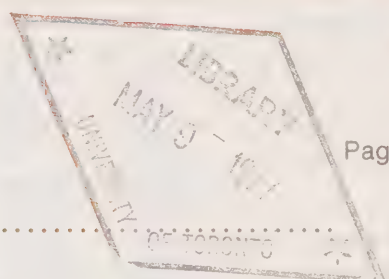
	Number stocks priced	Apr. 22/77 This week	Apr. 15, 77 Week ago	Mar. 25, 77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	100.9	101.4	102.7
Industrials	85	100.9	101.7	103.5
Foods	9	86.3	85.3	83.8
Alcoholic beverages	5	76.6	78.1	80.4
Textiles and clothing	3	110.1	109.1	112.6
Pulp and paper	7	131.3	133.9	138.4
Printing and publishing	5	99.0	100.9	105.6
Primary metals	4	105.7	106.0	109.4
Industrial mines	6	93.2	93.6	96.2
Metal fabricating	9	188.5	187.5	180.4
Non-metallic minerals	4	84.9	87.4	86.2
Petroleum	8	96.1	97.6	98.4
Chemicals	5	106.2	108.1	111.3
Construction	5	226.4	221.9	218.9
Trade	15	81.3	81.1	82.2
Utilities and services	28	95.5	95.2	94.6
Transportation	6	127.1	127.6	127.4
Pipelines	5	84.6	84.1	82.2
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	99.6	98.8	98.5
Telephone	4	97.8	97.9	98.0
Electric power	3	118.0	117.4	119.7
Gas distribution	5	72.4	71.4	70.6
Finances	21	109.4	109.3	111.4
Banks	8	112.2	112.0	113.8
Investment and loan	9	102.5	102.3	105.5
Insurance	4	104.9	105.9	106.6
Mining Index	17	111.8	113.3	116.7
Gold	9	203.9	209.2	216.7
Base metals	8	67.6	67.3	68.7
Uraniums	2	177.7	178.6	186.8
Primary oils and gas index	5	105.6	105.9	102.9

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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- Wholesale Trade, February 1977** (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, February 1977** (32-020, 15¢/\$1.50)
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 - Communications** (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 8, Monthly Telephone Statistics, February 1977

Indexes of Labour Productivity and Unit Labour Cost, Canada, 1971-76

	Output	Persons Employed	Man-Hours	Labour Compensation	Output Per Person Employed	Output Per Man-hour	Unit Labour Cost
(1961=100)							
All Commercial Industries							
1971	177.7	124.4	115.2	225.3	142.9	154.2	126.8
1972	187.7	127.5	117.4	250.6	147.2	159.9	133.5
1973	202.4	132.8	122.6	290.3	152.4	165.1	143.4
1974	211.3	139.3	127.8	341.8	151.7	165.3	161.8
1975	210.2	139.1	126.9	389.7	151.1	165.6	185.4
1976	221.0	142.1	129.6	448.7	155.5	170.5	203.0
Annual Rate of change (%)							
1961-76	5.4	2.3	1.6	10.4	3.1	3.8	4.7
1971-76	4.3	2.8	2.5	15.1	1.4	1.7	10.4
1973-74	4.4	4.9	4.2	17.7	-0.5	0.2	12.8
1974-75	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	14.0	-0.4	0.2	14.6
1975-76	5.1	2.2	2.1	15.1	2.9	2.9	9.5
Manufacturing							
1971	183.3	119.6	118.7	213.4	153.2	154.4	116.4
1972	196.1	123.1	122.6	236.0	159.3	159.9	120.4
1973	213.0	128.5	128.3	268.8	165.7	166.0	126.2
1974	219.4	132.7	132.1	310.9	165.3	166.1	141.7
1975	208.6	125.2	123.7	338.9	166.6	168.7	162.5
1976	218.5	126.9	126.6	386.9	172.2	172.6	177.1
Annual Rate of change (%)							
1961-76	5.4	1.5	1.4	9.1	3.8	3.9	3.6
1971-76	3.2	1.1	1.1	12.8	2.1	2.1	9.3
1973-74	3.0	3.3	2.9	15.6	-0.2	0.1	12.3
1974-75	-4.9	-5.6	-6.4	9.0	0.7	1.5	14.7
1975-76	4.7	1.3	2.4	14.2	3.4	2.3	9.0

Aggregate Productivity Measures, 1971-76 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates of output per man-hour for all commercial industries show a growth of 2.9% in 1976 following two years of only fractional increases. This improvement reflects growth of 5.1% in output (following a 0.5% decrease in 1975) with only a 2.1% increase in man-hours. Unit labour cost increased 9.5% in 1976, the smallest increase since 1973 but still double the average annual rate of growth in unit labour cost from 1961 to 1976.

In manufacturing, output per man-hour increased 2.3%. This is in line with the average annual rate of growth of 2.1% for the period 1971-76 but is well below the average rate of growth of 3.9% for the period 1961-76. Unit labour cost in 1976 increased 9.0% compared to an increase of 14.7% in 1975 and 12.3% in 1974.

These data revise and update the indexes published in *Aggregate Productivity Measures, 1946-74* (14-201, \$1.05). For further information, contact Karnail S. Gill (613-995-8401), Input-Output Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Dental Laboratories Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The dental laboratories industry shipped \$58.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 10.2% to \$43.1 million, the number of employees increased 17.8% to 3,218 and total salaries and wages increased 21.0% to \$27.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975* (47-206, \$1.05).

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,553,189,000 square feet (144 295 000 m²) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in March, a decrease of 2.1% from the 1,585,665,000 square feet (147 313 000 m²) in March 1976.

January-March shipments totalled a revised 4,193,429,000 square feet (390 435 000 m²) compared to a revised 4,172,561,000 square feet (387 643 000 m²) in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Road and Street Mileage and Expenditures, 1973 — Advance Information.

Mileage of public roads and streets as reported by the three levels of government in Canada totalled 526,136 at the end of 1973, up 0.4% from 1972. Expenditures on public thoroughfares during the 1973-74 fiscal year came to \$3,118 million, a rise of 15.3% over the previous year.

For further information, contact Mr. R. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,946 short tons (3 580 t) or 7,771,310 square feet (721 978 m²) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in March compared to 5,666 short tons (5 140 t) or 11,693,977 square feet (1 086 406 m²) in March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin* (47-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Towboat Industry, British Columbia, 1975 — Advance Information.

Preliminary survey information from the 1975 Water Transportation Report shows that total transportation revenues of the principal private and commercial towboat operators in British Columbia decreased 8.5% to \$92.2 million in 1975 from a high in 1974 of \$100.8 million. Net income decreased 78.7% to \$1.6 million in 1975 from \$7.5 million in 1974.

For further information, contact Mr. R. Paquet (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Papermakers and Other Felts, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

During the March quarter, Canadian manufacturers shipped 365,186 pounds (165 646 kg) of woven and needled papermakers' felts and jackets valued at \$5,339,801 to Canadian mills. In the corresponding quarter of 1976, totals were a revised 300,668 pounds (136 380 kg) and \$4,069,847.

For further information, order *Miscellaneous Industries Service Bulletin* (47-003, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Merchandise Trade of Canada

	Customs Basis*		Balance of Payments Basis*				Trade Balance
	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted		
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports (\$ millions)	Exports	Imports	
1975							
Fourth Quarter	8,853	8,918	8,998	8,746	8,581	8,542	39
1976							
First Quarter	8,788	9,133	8,635	8,989	9,088	9,210	-122
Second Quarter	10,113	10,026	10,151	9,885	9,502	9,253	249
Third Quarter	9,342	8,724	9,317	8,598	9,973	9,180	793
Fourth Quarter	9,834	9,550	9,916	9,415	9,456	9,244	212
1977							
First Quarter	10,153	9,929	10,157	9,780	10,808	10,077	731
1976							
October	3,189	2,995	3,239	2,979	3,147	2,947	200
November	3,382	3,484	3,410	3,457	3,008	3,126	-118
December	3,262	3,071	3,267	2,979	3,301	3,171	130
1977							
January	3,135	3,003	3,097	2,958	3,339	3,186	153
February	3,188	3,183	3,187	3,139	3,452	3,383	69
March	3,830	3,743	3,873	3,683	4,017	3,508	509

*In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, March 1977
— Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Exports in March (seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis) increased 16.4% from the February level to reach \$4,017 million, topping \$4 billion for the first time. As imports rose 3.7% to \$3,508 million, the trade surplus was \$509 million, the largest in recent months. For the first quarter of 1977, the merchandise trade account was in surplus by \$731 million.

Exports (Customs Basis)

Canadian exports to the United States, after seasonal adjustment, rose 9.5% to a record level of \$2,608 million in March, following two months of marginal growth. The March increase in exports was widespread, but approximately half of the rise was due to motor vehicles. Shipments of passenger cars in particular surged in response to rising sales in the U.S. after the severe cold snap. Fairly sizable gains were also recorded in exports of natural gas, lumber, newsprint, metals and machinery.

Overseas shipments registered a gain of 15% to \$1,252 million, with all trade areas contributing. Exports of metallic ores rebounded from the strike-affected level of February. Shipments of asbestos, pulp and non-ferrous metals were higher in March, but wheat clearances dropped from the unusually-high level of February. Exports of trucks and machinery also declined.

Following a 4% drop in the final quarter of 1976, seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. advanced over 14% to \$7,342 million in the January-March quarter. Higher shipments of automotive products accounted for well over half of the over-all increase, with the contribution of motor vehicles being about twice that of parts. Exports of natural gas, lumber, pulp, non-ferrous metals, fertilizers and liquefied gases rose in the first quarter, but shipments of metallic concentrates, crude oil and newsprint were lower.

Exports to overseas countries increased almost 13% to \$3,382 million in the first quarter, with countries other than Japan and the European Economic Community accounting for close to two-thirds of the gain. Wheat, metallic concentrates and non-ferrous metals recorded the largest increases, but shipments of pulp and automotive parts decreased.

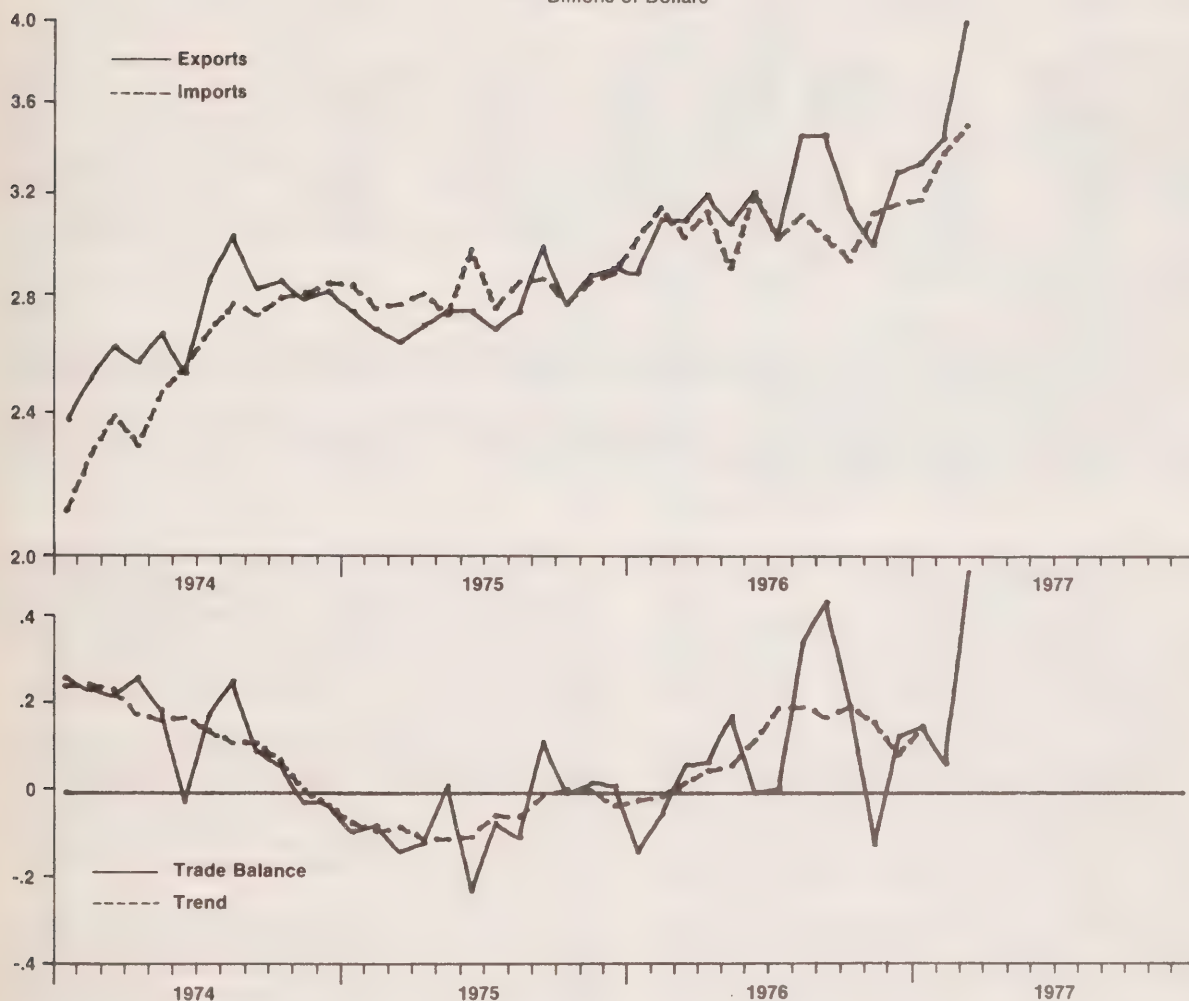
Imports (Customs Basis)

Following a rise of 8.5% in February, seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. declined nearly 1% to \$2,419 million in March. There were a number of moderate and generally offsetting changes in commodity imports. Both passenger cars and automotive parts, after seasonal adjustment, continued to increase. Industrial machinery imports fell from the high level of February, as did also those of other transportation equipment.

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EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars



Canadian imports from overseas countries increased for the second successive month to \$1,112 million in March, with the strength of the advance originating in countries other than Japan and the E.E.C. About half of the increase was due to crude oil, whose landings are irregular, even after allowance for seasonality. Imports of machinery, fuel oil, communication and office equipment were also higher in March, but imports of sugar and some industrial materials declined.

In contrast to near stability in quarterly imports from the U.S. in the second half of 1976, the seasonally-adjusted total rose more than 9% to \$7,105 million in the first three months of 1977. Increased arrivals of motor vehicles and parts accounted for more than half of the increase. Imports of chemicals, other equipment, machinery and consumer goods were also higher in the first quarter.

Following a marginal decline in the October-December quarter, Canadian imports from overseas countries increased almost 8% to \$3,085 million in the following quarter, with all trading areas contributing. Larger imports were recorded for automotive and

other transportation equipment, industrial machinery, and some steel materials. Imports of raw sugar, petroleum and apparel fell.

Price Changes

Except for the dip in the second quarter, the average prices of Canadian exports fluctuated within a narrow range during 1976. These prices, however, rose roughly 4% from the last quarter of 1976 to the first three months of 1977, reflecting the fall in the foreign exchange value of the Canadian dollar. (A significant proportion of contracts for crude and fabricated material exports is written in U.S. currency.) The jump in average import prices over the same period appeared to be even higher, on the basis of incomplete data.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the March issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4). (see tables on pages 5-10)

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

			To Date		% Change From			
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	1977	1976	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	2 Months 1977/76
Benefit Payments								
Gross amount (\$000)	379,067	397,031	343,575	776,098	686,872	-5	10	13
Net amount(1) (\$000)	377,563	395,158	341,909	772,721	683,735	-4	10	13
Weeks of benefit (000)	3,734	3,948	3,713	7,682	7,460	-5	1	3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	101.51	100.56	92.52	101.02	92.08	1	10	10
Claims received (000)	200	267	189	466	467	-25	5	—
Beneficiaries (000)	913p	878p	907	895(2)	893(2)	4	1	—

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.

(2) Monthly average.

p Preliminary figures.

— Amount too small to be expressed.

Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

For further information, order the February issue of *Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-p) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit in February increased to 913,000, up 4% from January and up 1% from February 1976. Thirty-five percent of the beneficiaries were females in the latest month, unchanged from a year earlier.

The net amount of unemployment insurance benefit paid in February totalled \$378 million, down 4% from January but an increase of 10% from a year earlier. The average weekly benefit was \$101.51, 10% more than in February 1976. Net payments for the first two months of 1977 reached \$773 million, up 13% from the corresponding period in 1976.

Persons seeking benefit filed some 200,000 claims in February, a decrease of 25% from January. (A substantial decline in claims usually occurs between these two months). Compared with February 1976, claims filed were up 5%.

Report of Livestock Surveys, Pigs, April 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Total pig numbers in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at April 1, 1977, were up 4% from April 1, 1976. In the West, numbers increased 2%. In the East, numbers increased 6% from the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the April 1 *Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs* (23-005, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact L.C. White (613-994-5855), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

The Dairy Review, March 1977 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,048,255,000 pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in February, 7.2% less than February 1976.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first two months of 1977 to 2,154,638,000 pounds, down 8.5% from the January-February period in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Flush Type Doors (Wood) By Canadian Manufacturers, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information.

Shipments of flush type doors (wood) by Canadian manufacturers decreased to 1,152,897 units in the fourth quarter of 1976 from 1,192,872 units in October-December 1975.

For further information, order the October-December issue of *Quarterly Shipments of Flush Type Doors (Wood) by Canadian Manufacturers* (35-004, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975							
Fourth Quarter	8,704.3	6,524.3	6,080.5	286.3	2,337.5	508.5	265.5
1976							
First Quarter	9,294.8	6,981.3	6,333.4	306.4	2,655.0	510.3	369.0
Second Quarter	9,381.8	7,123.2	6,358.3	289.2	2,734.3	492.6	366.1
Third Quarter	9,365.1	6,994.0	6,482.7	256.7	2,625.7	492.6	383.4
Fourth Quarter	9,358.4	6,995.2	6,497.4	300.8	2,560.2	537.0	401.8
1977							
First Quarter	10,190.1	7,472.6	7,105.1	313.2	2,771.8	578.7	439.8
1976							
October	2,929.1	2,246.4	1,982.9	97.9	848.3	195.4	128.8
November	3,148.9	2,372.6	2,176.1	109.7	863.1	168.8	135.3
December	3,280.4	2,376.1	2,338.4	93.2	848.8	172.8	137.7
1977							
January	3,187.3	2,301.6	2,246.5	93.0	847.8	174.9	137.5
February	3,472.3	2,506.4	2,439.6	104.0	928.7	205.1	152.5
March	3,530.5	2,664.6	2,419.0	116.2	995.3	198.7	149.7
Percent changes							
March/February	1.6	6.3	-0.8	11.7	7.1	-3.1	-1.8
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	8.8	6.8	9.3	4.1	8.2	7.7	9.4
Mar. 77/Mar. 76	16.0	17.7	17.2	13.0	13.4	19.5	23.6

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,640.6	2,275.0	2,027.7	2,264.2	2,137.0	1,833.1	16.6	6.4	10.6
United Kingdom	126.2	92.4	88.9	112.3	93.4	96.0	12.3	-1.1	-7.3
Other E.E.C.	195.7	167.4	162.6	170.4	142.5	157.3	14.8	17.4	3.3
Japan	153.5	133.6	132.4	125.3	115.5	115.4	22.4	15.7	14.7
Other O.E.C.D.	104.4	84.9	102.9	105.5	75.3	99.8	-1.0	12.8	3.0
Other America	232.9	176.6	205.6	110.0	125.4	207.3	111.6	40.8	-0.7
Other Countries	289.2	253.5	282.9	345.4	311.5	390.0	-16.2	-18.6	-27.4
All Countries	3,742.5	3,183.4	3,003.0	3,233.1	3,000.6	2,898.9	15.7	6.0	3.5
	Year-to-Date						Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes		
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	77/76	76/75	
United States	6,943.2	4,302.7	6,234.4	3,970.1	5,421.8	3,458.5	11.3	14.9	
United Kingdom	307.5	181.3	301.8	189.5	315.4	204.9	1.8	-4.3	
Other E.E.C.	525.7	330.0	470.2	299.8	517.8	347.8	11.8	-9.1	
Japan	419.5	266.0	356.2	230.8	356.4	262.3	17.7	0.0	
Other O.E.C.D.	292.2	187.8	280.6	175.1	284.9	169.2	4.1	-1.5	
Other America	615.1	382.2	442.7	332.7	479.1	339.8	38.9	-7.5	
Other Countries	825.7	536.4	1,046.9	701.5	925.6	657.1	-21.1	13.1	
All Countries	9,928.9	6,186.4	9,132.8	5,899.5	8,301.0	5,439.6	8.7	10.0	

Table 3
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	3.4	2.9	3.5	15.2	7.2	4.2	-77.6	-59.7	-16.5
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	277.2	227.6	224.0	206.5	184.8	194.7	34.2	23.1	15.0
Meat and fish	39.7	41.0	37.7	41.2	40.2	38.0	-3.5	2.0	-0.5
Fruits and vegetables	86.1	73.9	62.7	62.0	58.6	64.1	38.9	26.0	-2.1
Raw sugar	4.9	12.8	22.6	19.8	16.1	11.3	-75.3	-20.3	99.0
Crude Materials, Inedible	383.2	338.5	434.8	357.1	342.3	573.7	7.3	-1.1	-24.2
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	20.5	21.5	34.1	21.5	22.0	26.9	-4.2	-2.3	27.0
Coal	2.3	5.1	24.7	2.0	2.3	42.5	18.4	123.1	-41.8
Crude petroleum	278.8	230.9	292.0	261.1	249.2	423.2	6.7	-7.3	-30.9
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	634.2	498.3	472.2	539.1	512.9	495.7	17.6	-2.8	-4.7
Wood and paper	66.0	53.2	50.0	72.8	75.5	71.9	-9.3	-29.6	-30.4
Textiles	77.6	68.5	67.4	73.5	73.4	78.8	5.5	-6.6	-14.4
Chemicals	198.7	148.6	132.5	148.4	136.1	128.6	33.8	9.1	3.0
Iron and steel	67.5	56.6	55.0	50.5	55.7	53.7	33.8	1.5	2.4
Bars and rods, steel	9.0	6.5	8.8	7.0	5.6	6.5	29.3	15.9	35.1
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	19.2	21.5	17.4	13.7	18.1	15.6	40.3	18.5	11.7
Non-ferrous metals	42.5	31.4	33.3	42.7	27.8	33.7	-0.4	12.9	-1.3
End Products, Inedible	2,373.5	2,081.7	1,835.3	2,071.8	1,913.1	1,601.6	14.5	8.8	14.5
General purpose machinery	130.6	112.7	96.9	120.8	112.4	115.8	8.1	0.2	-16.3
Special industry machinery	177.8	178.7	157.4	157.5	162.8	150.7	12.9	9.7	4.4
Machine tools, metalworking	15.6	11.0	11.5	12.1	11.0	12.8	29.5	-0.6	-10.0
Agricultural machinery and tractors	136.8	118.6	111.7	127.0	109.4	95.6	7.6	8.3	16.7
Transportation equipment	1,133.3	1,005.5	830.2	988.3	897.7	672.5	14.6	12.0	23.4
Sedans, new	291.6	230.9	170.8	230.7	209.2	132.9	26.3	10.3	28.4
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	38.6	27.2	18.2	32.1	29.5	18.8	20.1	-7.9	-3.0
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	89.6	93.3	64.0	79.8	74.3	49.1	12.3	25.6	30.4
Other motor vehicles	38.0	26.7	22.2	24.6	22.8	16.3	54.3	17.3	36.3
Motor vehicle engines	49.3	41.8	36.5	44.9	46.0	36.2	9.8	-9.1	0.9
Motor vehicle engine parts	59.0	55.5	49.7	39.2	41.6	30.8	50.5	33.5	61.4
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	459.8	433.9	384.0	435.6	391.4	301.4	5.5	10.8	27.4
Aircraft, complete with engines	8.2	6.5	7.1	9.9	7.0	7.3	-17.4	-8.1	-3.4
Other equipment and tools	426.5	349.2	343.5	356.2	329.6	302.4	19.7	5.9	13.6
Electronic computers	50.3	44.3	43.9	35.6	28.7	28.5	41.2	54.2	54.2
Special Transactions, Trade	71.0	34.4	33.4	43.4	40.4	29.1	63.4	-14.7	14.6
Total	3,742.5	3,183.4	3,003.0	3,233.1	3,000.6	2,898.9	15.7	6.0	3.5

Railway Carloadings, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Carload and non-carload freight originating on lines in Canada totalled 20.7 million short tons (18.7 million t) in March, an increase of 10.8% over March 1976. Traffic received from United States connections increased 1.6%.

On a commodity basis, March loadings of sulphur continued to be significantly above the previous year, rising 122.5%. Notable gains were also recorded for: fertilizers (excluding potash), 70.5%; gypsum, 57.2%; wheat, 40.6%; lumber, 38.3%; and pulpwood chips, 25.9%.

In the first quarter of 1977, rail freight loadings totalled 55.2 million short tons (52.0 million t), 6.1% above the year-earlier level. Receipts from U.S. connections were down 3.1%. Among commodities showing notable percentage increases during the latest period were sulphur, fertilizers, pulpwood, forest

products and wheat. Loadings of phosphate rock, alumina and grains other than wheat declined.

For further information, order the March issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Table 3 (Continued)

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date		Year-to-Date		Year-to-Date		Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes	
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	9.8	6.4	26.6	11.4	22.7	15.2	-63.1	17.0
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	728.7	451.5	586.1	379.5	581.8	405.3	24.3	0.7
Meat and fish	118.4	78.7	119.3	78.1	77.5	54.7	-0.7	53.9
Fruits and vegetables	222.7	136.6	184.7	122.7	169.9	116.1	20.5	8.7
Raw sugar	40.2	35.4	47.2	27.4	105.9	74.4	-14.7	-55.4
Crude Materials, Inedible	1,156.5	773.3	1,273.1	915.9	1,259.5	875.4	-9.1	1.0
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	76.1	55.6	70.3	48.9	91.0	60.8	8.3	-22.7
Coal	32.2	29.8	46.8	44.8	55.8	45.6	-31.2	-16.1
Crude petroleum	801.7	523.0	933.5	672.4	917.5	630.9	-14.1	1.7
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,604.7	970.5	1,547.7	1,008.6	1,487.0	1,018.5	3.6	4.0
Wood and paper	169.2	103.2	220.2	147.4	110.4	73.3	-23.1	99.5
Textiles	213.5	135.9	225.7	152.1	168.6	115.5	-5.3	33.8
Chemicals	479.8	281.1	413.2	264.8	366.6	243.2	16.1	12.7
Iron and steel	179.1	111.6	159.9	109.4	296.9	213.9	12.0	-46.1
Bars and rods, steel	24.3	15.3	19.1	12.1	48.3	37.1	27.3	-60.4
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	58.1	38.9	47.4	33.8	103.5	78.8	22.6	-54.1
Non-ferrous metals	107.1	64.7	104.2	61.5	120.7	87.3	2.8	-13.6
End Products, Inedible	6,290.5	3,917.0	5,586.5	3,514.7	4,877.4	3,078.8	12.6	14.5
General purpose machinery	340.2	209.5	348.3	228.2	349.3	222.3	-2.5	0.0
Special industry machinery	513.9	336.0	471.0	313.5	456.0	296.7	9.1	3.3
Machine tools, metalworking	38.1	22.4	35.9	23.8	45.1	29.1	6.1	-20.5
Agricultural machinery and tractors	367.0	230.3	332.1	205.1	292.9	176.9	10.5	13.3
Transportation equipment	2,968.9	1,835.7	2,558.6	1,570.3	2,145.2	1,300.6	16.0	19.2
Sedans, new	693.2	401.7	572.8	342.2	434.0	266.7	21.0	31.9
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	84.0	45.4	80.4	48.4	52.1	30.6	4.3	54.3
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	247.0	157.3	203.2	123.4	179.3	116.1	21.5	13.3
Other motor vehicles	86.9	48.9	63.7	39.0	71.3	41.3	36.5	-10.7
Motor vehicle engines	127.6	78.3	127.0	82.2	94.2	58.3	0.4	34.8
Motor vehicle engines parts	164.3	105.2	111.6	72.4	78.5	48.4	47.2	42.1
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	1,277.8	818.0	1,128.4	692.7	837.3	532.6	13.2	34.7
Aircraft, complete with engines	21.7	13.5	24.2	14.4	101.6	28.4	-10.5	-76.1
Other equipment and tools	1,119.2	692.7	988.2	631.9	869.7	570.2	13.2	13.6
Electronic computers	138.6	88.3	92.8	57.2	82.0	58.1	49.2	13.2
Special Transactions, Trade	138.8	67.8	112.9	69.5	72.7	46.3	22.9	55.3
Total	9,928.9	6,186.4	9,132.8	5,899.5	8,301.0	5,439.6	8.7	10.0

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	Total excluding cars and wheat	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975								
Fourth Quarter	8,494.9	6,805.7	6,274.6	5,687.1	356.2	2,451.6	507.4	547.5
1976								
First Quarter	9,168.8	7,258.0	6,732.7	6,127.0	433.8	2,608.0	613.9	675.5
Second Quarter	9,517.5	7,307.3	6,892.5	6,515.4	484.3	2,517.8	622.6	566.2
Third Quarter	9,898.0	7,815.5	7,365.0	6,704.8	508.3	2,684.9	726.6	582.6
Fourth Quarter	9,419.3	7,558.4	7,176.1	6,423.1	425.1	2,571.1	706.8	615.4
1977								
First Quarter	10,724.4	8,328.8	7,807.9	7,342.5	483.9	2,898.0	713.7	691.0
1976								
October	3,116.7	2,672.6	2,448.2	2,025.2	138.8	952.7	229.0	247.3
November	3,053.7	2,372.7	2,293.9	2,041.5	158.4	853.8	295.3	153.3
December	3,249.0	2,513.1	2,434.0	2,356.4	128.0	764.6	182.5	214.9
1977								
January	3,399.8	2,531.9	2,400.8	2,358.8	171.9	869.1	220.8	202.2
February	3,465.0	2,695.1	2,515.0	2,375.6	143.2	946.2	242.3	218.7
March	3,859.7	3,101.8	2,892.1	2,608.1	168.9	1,082.7	250.6	270.0
			Percent changes					
March/February	11.3	15.0	14.9	9.7	17.9	14.4	3.4	23.4
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	13.8	10.1	8.8	14.3	13.8	12.7	0.9	12.2
Mar. 77/Mar. 76	28.5	29.5	29.2	28.1	6.7	33.7	30.9	39.0

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,733.8	2,273.0	2,127.6	2,148.4	2,037.9	1,820.7	27.2	11.5	16.8
United Kingdom	166.8	134.3	159.7	151.4	150.3	121.3	10.1	-10.6	31.6
Other E.E.C.	206.5	198.1	232.7	157.7	167.5	229.1	30.9	18.2	1.5
Japan	231.5	184.8	195.1	167.0	225.6	216.9	38.6	-18.0	-10.0
Other O.E.C.D.	132.7	100.9	83.5	75.2	83.6	63.8	76.5	20.6	30.9
Other America	128.3	102.7	115.8	114.5	99.9	136.1	12.0	2.7	-14.9
Other Countries	230.8	193.9	220.5	166.6	186.4	268.3	38.5	4.0	-17.8
All Countries	3,830.4	3,187.7	3,134.9	2,980.8	2,951.2	2,856.2	28.5	8.0	9.7
	Year-to-Date						Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes		
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	77/76	76/75	
United States	7,134.4	4,400.6	6,007.0	3,858.6	5,125.7	3,343.5	18.7	17.1	
United Kingdom	460.8	294.0	423.0	271.7	513.9	358.1	8.9	-17.6	
Other E.E.C.	637.3	430.8	554.3	396.6	544.3	386.1	14.9	1.8	
Japan	611.4	379.9	609.5	442.5	421.3	323.2	0.3	44.6	
Other O.E.C.D.	317.1	184.4	222.5	147.4	240.0	159.6	42.5	-7.2	
Other America	346.8	218.5	350.6	236.1	406.0	287.6	-1.0	-13.6	
Other Countries	645.1	414.4	621.3	454.7	467.9	377.7	3.8	32.7	
All Countries	10,152.9	6,322.6	8,788.2	5,807.6	7,719.1	5,235.8	15.5	13.8	

Table 6

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	7.9	7.0	9.2	7.7	9.4	10.0	2.9	-25.3	-7.7
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	310.1	280.0	294.8	207.9	318.1	354.2	49.1	-11.9	-16.7
Meat and fish	72.9	51.5	48.0	54.4	52.3	45.6	33.8	-1.4	5.4
Cereals and preparations	148.3	149.2	181.4	93.1	215.5	253.8	59.2	-30.7	-28.5
Wheat	93.8	119.5	121.2	72.6	150.2	158.0	29.2	-20.4	-23.2
Crude Materials, Inedible	716.8	625.8	707.0	584.1	627.1	740.4	22.7	-0.1	-4.5
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	182.5	134.7	207.2	139.8	137.6	151.7	30.5	-2.0	36.6
Crude petroleum	132.0	139.8	169.4	183.0	196.9	291.3	-27.8	-28.9	-41.8
Natural gas	181.0	170.6	152.1	128.1	136.9	136.7	41.3	24.6	11.2
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,320.2	1,077.0	1,064.1	966.8	901.8	849.2	36.5	19.4	25.3
Wood and paper	671.3	546.4	541.8	489.5	430.1	406.3	37.1	27.0	33.3
Lumber, softwood	196.3	149.1	156.8	120.1	111.8	99.6	63.4	33.3	57.3
Wood pulp and similar pulp	194.3	190.2	159.5	170.8	182.9	171.5	13.8	4.0	-6.9
Newsprint paper	197.4	159.3	166.3	149.3	90.6	84.6	32.1	75.8	96.4
Textiles	12.5	9.3	7.1	8.7	7.9	9.8	44.9	17.6	-27.8
Chemicals	156.8	128.9	118.7	124.3	110.1	97.0	26.1	17.0	22.3
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	72.7	53.3	50.7	58.4	48.5	42.2	24.5	9.9	20.1
Petroleum and coal products	60.3	68.7	57.7	42.6	63.2	73.5	41.5	8.6	-21.4
Iron and steel	84.9	68.7	83.6	63.2	70.0	60.6	34.3	-1.8	37.9
Non-ferrous metals	241.4	175.9	192.2	184.7	159.3	149.4	30.6	10.3	28.6
Copper and alloys	54.0	37.3	44.7	43.6	44.8	42.6	23.8	-16.7	4.8
Nickel and alloys	29.7	20.8	33.5	37.0	29.5	23.6	-19.6	-29.4	41.9
End Products, Inedible	1,389.0	1,122.9	1,005.8	1,131.6	1,018.0	843.5	22.7	10.3	19.2
Industrial machinery	97.6	88.6	68.5	73.6	68.1	67.5	32.5	30.0	1.4
Agricultural machinery and tractors	63.3	48.8	35.0	48.6	57.2	31.1	30.2	-14.6	12.3
Transportation equipment	1,047.2	828.6	771.7	839.7	722.5	618.4	24.7	14.6	24.7
Passenger automobiles and chassis	442.2	337.7	323.1	329.2	302.7	264.7	34.3	11.5	22.0
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	159.4	151.4	142.1	133.2	111.6	105.7	19.6	35.6	34.3
Other motor vehicles	13.3	12.8	7.6	13.6	12.2	8.7	-2.3	5.0	-12.6
Motor vehicle engines and parts	85.0	84.3	73.5	64.1	65.3	49.4	32.5	29.1	48.8
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	225.0	188.2	178.3	187.8	181.6	140.1	19.8	3.6	27.2
Other equipment and tools	82.3	72.9	59.1	71.9	64.5	50.2	14.4	13.1	17.6
Special transactions, Trade	11.8	5.6	5.6	18.5	13.7	6.0	-35.9	-58.9	-6.8
Total	3,755.8	3,118.3	3,086.5	2,916.5	2,888.1	2,803.2	28.7	7.9	10.1

Table 6 (Continued)

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes	
	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	24.1	16.2	27.0	19.4	8.6	5.4	-10.8	215.1
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	884.9	574.8	880.1	672.3	772.3	606.2	0.5	13.9
Meat and fish	172.4	99.6	152.3	97.8	115.3	77.6	13.2	32.0
Cereals and preparations	478.8	330.6	562.4	469.3	475.5	404.6	-14.8	18.2
Wheat	334.4	240.7	380.7	308.2	383.7	330.0	-12.1	-0.7
Crude Materials, Inedible	2,049.6	1,332.8	1,951.5	1,367.5	1,910.8	1,334.2	5.0	2.1
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	524.5	342.0	429.1	289.3	456.0	302.2	22.2	-5.8
Crude petroleum	441.2	309.2	671.2	488.2	869.7	624.7	-34.2	-22.8
Natural gas	503.7	322.7	401.7	273.6	222.7	146.2	25.3	80.3
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	3,461.3	2,141.1	2,717.8	1,751.0	2,520.5	1,702.7	27.3	7.8
Wood and paper	1,759.5	1,088.3	1,325.9	836.4	1,316.2	880.0	32.7	0.7
Lumber, softwood	502.2	306.0	331.5	211.5	188.0	131.5	51.5	76.3
Woodpulp and similar pulp	544.1	349.8	525.1	354.4	500.2	337.9	3.6	4.9
Newsprint paper	523.0	325.6	324.6	175.2	506.0	330.8	61.1	-35.8
Textiles	29.0	16.4	26.4	17.8	25.6	16.0	9.6	3.1
Chemicals	404.4	247.5	331.4	207.1	279.6	178.5	22.0	18.5
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	176.7	104.0	149.1	90.7	139.4	88.3	18.5	6.9
Petroleum and coal products	186.6	126.4	179.2	136.7	148.0	102.6	4.1	21.0
Iron and steel	237.2	152.3	193.8	130.6	202.3	138.6	22.3	-4.1
Non-ferrous metals	609.5	368.0	493.5	308.7	401.4	285.2	23.5	22.9
Copper and alloys	136.0	82.0	131.0	87.4	125.3	92.3	3.7	4.5
Nickel and alloys	84.1	54.4	90.1	53.1	105.3	74.3	-6.6	-14.4
End Products, Inedible	3,517.7	2,128.7	2,993.1	1,861.5	2,299.4	1,454.6	17.5	30.1
Industrial machinery	254.7	157.1	209.3	135.6	235.7	157.9	21.7	-11.2
Agricultural machinery and tractors	147.1	83.8	136.9	88.3	135.2	82.7	7.4	1.2
Transportation equipment	2,647.4	1,600.2	2,180.7	1,341.0	1,534.1	959.6	21.4	42.1
Passenger automobiles and chassis	1,103.0	660.8	896.6	567.4	679.8	399.4	23.0	31.9
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	452.8	293.4	350.6	217.4	272.3	190.4	29.1	28.7
Other motor vehicles	33.7	20.4	34.5	20.9	28.5	18.9	-2.3	21.0
Motor vehicle engines and parts	242.8	157.8	178.7	114.6	84.5	54.8	35.8	111.5
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	591.5	366.5	509.4	321.6	310.8	194.1	16.1	63.9
Other equipment and tools	214.2	132.0	186.5	114.7	186.1	120.3	14.8	0.2
Special Transactions, Trade	23.1	11.2	38.2	19.7	12.8	6.4	-39.5	197.0
Total	9,960.6	6,204.9	8,607.8	5,691.3	7,524.4	5,109.4	15.7	14.4

Private and Public Investment in Canada by ProvinceActual 1975
(Millions of dollars)

		Capital Expenditures		Repair Expenditures		Total Capital and Repair Expenditures
		Construction	Machinery and Equipment	Construction	Machinery and Equipment	
Newfoundland	Private	278.2	147.7	58.4	144.5	628.8
	Public	249.5	38.8	30.5	21.3	340.1
	Total	527.7	186.5	88.9	165.8	968.9
Prince Edward Island	Private	46.3	28.5	12.2	11.3	98.3
	Public	36.6	6.3	12.3	1.2	56.4
	Total	82.9	34.8	24.5	12.5	154.7
Nova Scotia	Private	328.6	211.9	77.7	90.7	708.9
	Public	307.9	73.2	50.2	53.8	485.1
	Total	636.5	285.1	127.9	144.5	1,194.0
New Brunswick	Private	441.0	253.4	54.0	96.7	845.1
	Public	286.1	178.8	47.4	37.9	550.2
	Total	727.1	432.2	101.4	134.6	1,395.3
Quebec	Private	3,083.2	2,433.8	730.7	1,154.6	7,402.3
	Public	3,036.0	617.4	261.4	125.7	4,040.5
	Total	6,119.2	3,051.2	992.1	1,280.3	11,442.8
Ontario	Private	4,871.6	4,178.7	1,126.5	1,848.0	12,024.8
	Public	2,620.9	1,249.1	369.5	290.5	4,530.0
	Total	7,492.5	5,427.8	1,496.0	2,138.5	16,554.8
Manitoba	Private	407.7	415.2	109.5	192.7	1,125.1
	Public	415.4	282.8	79.7	70.0	847.9
	Total	823.1	698.0	189.2	262.7	1,973.0
Saskatchewan	Private	515.9	673.9	139.2	197.2	1,526.2
	Public	407.0	183.0	68.3	76.5	734.8
	Total	922.9	856.9	207.5	273.7	2,261.0
Alberta	Private	2,590.5	1,255.3	395.5	409.7	4,651.0
	Public	804.8	356.4	129.8	110.7	1,401.7
	Total	3,395.3	1,611.7	525.3	520.4	6,052.7
British Columbia	Private	1,858.6	1,088.8	337.3	718.7	4,003.4
	Public	1,138.3	337.3	205.8	138.8	1,820.2
	Total	2,996.9	1,426.1	543.1	857.5	5,823.6
Northwest Territories and Yukon	Private	202.2	127.6	13.1	36.3	379.2
	Public	128.2	23.8	11.0	8.4	171.4
	Total	330.4	151.4	24.1	44.7	550.6
Canada	Private	14,623.8	10,814.8	3,054.1	4,900.4	33,393.1
	Public	9,430.7	3,346.9	1,265.9	934.8	14,978.3
	Total	24,054.5	14,161.7	4,320.0	5,835.2	48,371.4

Private and Public Investment in Canada by Province, 1975-77.

The accompanying tables supplement Table 23 of the publication *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977* (61-205, \$1.05) by showing provincial statistics applicable to the two sectors of private and public.

Of the two categories, "public" includes the following:

- Government enterprises for municipal, provincial and federal government
- Municipal hospitals and schools, provincial hospitals, schools and universities
- Government department expenditures at the three levels
- Federal government housing

The category "private" includes all other activities.

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Private and Public Investment in Canada by Province

Preliminary Actual 1976
(Millions of dollars)

		Capital Expenditures		Repair Expenditures		Total Capital and Repair Expenditures
		Construction	Machinery and Equipment	Construction	Machinery and Equipment	
Newfoundland	Private	308.8	146.6	66.3	151.2	672.9
	Public	311.1	38.8	26.3	22.2	398.4
	Total	619.9	185.4	92.6	173.4	1,071.3
Prince Edward Island	Private	45.7	27.6	11.3	12.3	96.9
	Public	28.7	4.4	9.7	1.5	44.3
	Total	74.4	32.0	21.0	13.8	141.2
Nova Scotia	Private	361.3	181.2	82.4	94.8	719.7
	Public	356.8	90.5	51.1	46.1	544.5
	Total	718.1	271.7	133.5	140.9	1,264.2
New Brunswick	Private	372.5	236.9	63.6	110.5	783.5
	Public	296.7	200.8	51.8	34.9	584.2
	Total	669.2	437.7	115.4	145.4	1,367.7
Quebec	Private	3,563.5	2,242.0	801.3	1,228.5	7,835.3
	Public	2,821.0	810.5	283.7	134.9	4,050.1
	Total	6,384.5	3,052.5	1,085.0	1,363.4	11,885.4
Ontario	Private	5,477.4	4,257.4	1,256.0	2,069.1	13,059.9
	Public	2,672.7	1,299.4	425.0	321.7	4,718.8
	Total	8,150.1	5,556.8	1,681.0	2,390.8	17,778.7
Manitoba	Private	548.5	444.2	126.4	167.8	1,286.9
	Public	472.3	306.2	86.0	69.8	934.3
	Total	1,020.8	750.4	212.4	237.6	2,221.2
Saskatchewan	Private	672.6	743.9	143.0	209.7	1,769.2
	Public	487.4	241.5	77.5	90.0	896.4
	Total	1,160.0	985.4	220.5	299.7	2,665.6
Alberta	Private	3,660.8	1,726.4	428.7	423.2	6,239.1
	Public	836.4	373.2	127.5	131.6	1,468.7
	Total	4,497.2	2,099.6	556.2	554.8	7,707.8
British Columbia	Private	2,231.9	1,131.2	357.3	813.1	4,533.5
	Public	1,148.8	342.0	206.0	129.4	1,826.2
	Total	3,380.7	1,473.2	563.3	942.5	6,359.7
Northwest Territories and Yukon	Private	265.6	144.5	16.4	36.4	462.9
	Public	120.8	22.1	11.7	7.6	162.2
	Total	386.4	166.6	28.1	44.0	625.1
Canada	Private	17,508.6	11,281.9	3,352.7	5,316.6	37,459.8
	Public	9,552.7	3,729.4	1,356.3	989.7	15,628.1
	Total	27,061.3	15,011.3	4,709.0	6,306.3	53,087.9

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(Millions of dollars)

		Capital Expenditures		Repair Expenditures		Total Capital and Repair Expenditures
		Construction	Machinery and Equipment	Construction	Machinery and Equipment	
Newfoundland	Private	338.9	134.2	71.5	164.2	708.8
	Public	311.0	41.9	28.7	23.1	404.7
	Total	649.9	176.1	100.2	187.3	1,113.5
Prince Edward Island	Private	39.8	30.0	12.2	12.7	94.7
	Public	34.3	5.7	9.7	1.6	51.3
	Total	74.1	35.7	21.9	14.3	146.0
Nova Scotia	Private	357.0	186.6	90.4	97.6	731.6
	Public	446.2	85.7	55.0	42.4	629.3
	Total	803.2	272.3	145.4	140.0	1,360.9
New Brunswick	Private	353.2	237.6	69.6	123.1	783.5
	Public	335.5	243.2	53.0	40.1	671.8
	Total	688.7	480.8	122.6	163.2	1,455.3
Quebec	Private	3,522.8	2,501.0	885.2	1,340.2	8,249.2
	Public	3,465.6	1,103.8	314.7	144.7	5,028.8
	Total	6,988.4	3,604.8	1,199.9	1,484.9	13,278.0
Ontario	Private	5,587.5	4,603.5	1,375.2	2,237.8	13,804.0
	Public	2,729.9	1,165.1	462.6	357.2	4,714.8
	Total	8,317.4	5,768.6	1,837.8	2,595.0	18,518.8
Manitoba	Private	570.0	465.9	140.4	181.7	1,358.0
	Public	508.3	285.2	93.0	71.6	958.1
	Total	1,078.3	751.1	233.4	253.3	2,316.1
Saskatchewan	Private	732.3	746.3	159.1	232.0	1,869.7
	Public	555.7	276.0	86.2	101.4	1,019.3
	Total	1,288.0	1,022.3	245.3	333.4	2,889.0
Alberta	Private	4,125.6	1,921.2	492.4	472.3	7,011.5
	Public	989.5	423.7	149.0	142.1	1,704.3
	Total	5,115.1	2,344.9	641.4	614.4	8,715.8
British Columbia	Private	2,305.1	1,286.4	396.9	872.8	4,861.2
	Public	1,345.4	469.3	215.0	138.8	2,168.5
	Total	3,650.5	1,755.7	611.9	1,011.6	7,029.7
Northwest Territories and Yukon	Private	333.0	61.9	17.6	40.7	453.2
	Public	166.9	21.8	16.1	8.2	213.0
	Total	499.9	83.7	33.7	48.9	666.2
Canada	Private	18,265.2	12,174.6	3,710.5	5,775.1	39,925.4
	Public	10,888.3	4,121.4	1,483.0	1,071.2	17,563.9
	Total	29,153.5	16,296.0	5,193.5	6,846.3	57,489.3

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Users are alerted to the following changes in the entries for tables 23 and 24 on pages 40 and 41.

Table 23, page 40

Item 4, year 1975: repair expenditures sub-total (column 6) should read 1,188.8 instead of 1,118.8.

Item 4, year 1977: repair expenditures for machinery and equipment (column 5) should read 888.1 instead of 881.1.

Item 5, year 1976: capital expenditures for construction (column 1) should read 845.9 instead of 854.9.

Item 6, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures for construction (column 7) should read 5,891.2 instead of 5,891.9.

Table 24, page 41

Item 4, year 1975: repair expenditures for machinery and equipment (column 5) should read 420.8 instead of 420.9.

Item 4, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures on machinery and equipment (column 8) should read 1,463.8 instead of 1,436.8.

Item 5, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures for both construction and machinery and equipment (column 9) should read 7,018.9 instead of 7,018.4.

Item 8, year 1975: repair expenditures on machinery and equipment (column 5) should read 382.4 instead of 283.4

Item 12, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures on construction (column 7) should read 3,202.4 instead of 3,204.4

Historical Comparison of all Agricultural Holdings,(1) 1971 and 1976

Item		Total, all agricultural holdings(1)		Small agricultural holdings(2) (sales under \$1,200)		Census-farms(3) (sales of \$1,200 or more)	
		1971	1976	1971	1976	1971	1976
Canada	number	366,128	338,578	66,260	38,460	299,868	300,118
	acres	169,668,614	169,086,823	9,210,037	3,110,563	160,458,577	165,976,260
Newfoundland	number	1,042	878	640	480	402	398
	acres	62,704	80,058	10,430	7,352	52,274	72,706
Prince Edward Island	number	4,543	3,677	1,081	623	3,462	3,054
	acres	774,630	731,035	106,820	43,959	667,810	687,076
Nova Scotia	number	6,008	5,434	2,474	1,993	3,534	3,441
	acres	1,328,875	1,218,953	320,531	229,916	1,008,344	989,037
New Brunswick	number	5,485	4,551	1,999	1,307	3,486	3,244
	acres	1,339,133	1,153,438	287,604	159,264	1,051,529	994,174
Quebec	number	61,257	51,587	13,050	8,490	48,207	43,097
	acres	10,801,116	9,906,319	1,558,306	876,757	9,242,810	9,029,562
Ontario	number	94,722	88,801	19,077	11,818	75,645	76,983
	acres	15,963,056	15,473,011	1,772,573	728,687	14,190,483	14,744,324
Manitoba	number	34,981	32,104	5,396	2,141	29,585	29,963
	acres	19,008,259	19,026,255	973,558	219,074	18,034,701	18,807,181
Saskatchewan	number	76,970	70,958	5,651	1,380	71,319	69,578
	acres	65,056,875	65,511,431	1,303,562	194,977	63,753,313	65,316,454
Alberta	number	62,702	61,130	9,497	3,820	53,205	57,310
	acres	49,506,287	49,928,771	2,220,983	408,893	47,285,304	49,519,878
British Columbia	number	18,400	19,432	7,386	6,399	11,014	13,033
	acres	5,823,231	6,052,910	652,914	241,479	5,170,317	5,811,431
Yukon and Northwest Territories	number	18	26	9	9	9	17
	acres	4,448	4,642	2,756	205	1,692	4,437

(1) Defined as a census-farm in the 1971 Census of Agriculture.

(2) Classified as "small agricultural holdings" in the 1976 Census of Agriculture due to the low value of agricultural products sold.

(3) Defined as a census-farm in the 1976 Census of Agriculture

Number and Area of Census-Farms by Census Division, 1976 — Advance Information.

Although agricultural holdings in Canada and acreage used for all agricultural production declined between 1971 and 1976, there was a small increase in both the number of census-farms and their total acreage during the period. This information from the 1976 Census of Agriculture was released to-day by Statistics Canada.

On June 1, 1976 there were 300,118 census-farms in Canada compared with 299,868 in 1971. Acreage on census-farms in the five-year period increased by 3.4% to 165,976,260 acres from 160,458,577.

Statistics Canada currently defines a census-farm as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with annual product sales in 1975 of at least \$1,200. To be included in earlier censuses, a census-farm had to have product sales of only \$50.

The total number of agricultural holdings in Canada with 1975 sales of \$50. or more declined to 338,578 in 1976 from 366,128 in 1971. Acreage dropped slightly to 169,086,823 from 169,668,614 acres.

But this decline in number and acreage of agricultural holdings arose because of a sharp decrease in the number of agricultural holdings whose product sales in 1975 were less than \$1,200. In 1976 there were only 38,460 such holdings compared with 66,260 in 1971. And their total acreage dropped by almost two-thirds to a 1976 figure of 3,110,563 acres.

The accompanying table provides the corresponding provincial figures.

For further information, order *Number and Area of Census-Farms by Census Division* (96-857, 70¢), or contact R. Cinq-Mars (613-994-9855), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

February 1977 — Advance Information

	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	17	14	—	—	31	53	6	31	—	90
Prince Edward Island	2	—	—	—	2	9	2	—	—	11
Nova Scotia	80	6	80	34	200	184	14	—	315	513
New Brunswick	12	—	—	20	32	169	46	—	208	423
Quebec	970	82	70	1,774	2,896	1,428	107	121	1,142	2,798
Ontario	460	363	430	1,154	2,407	1,346	523	1,134	1,815	4,818
Manitoba	103	24	—	96	223	65	56	29	38	188
Saskatchewan	182	8	94	—	284	273	36	—	30	339
Alberta	311	84	351	534	1,280	975	133	104	571	1,783
British Columbia	520	81	146	892	1,639	789	108	329	916	2,142
Canada	2,657	662	1,171	4,504	8,994	5,291	1,031	1,748	5,035	13,105
Metropolitan Areas										
Calgary	138	50	241	150	579	207	94	—	—	301
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	76	8	—	—	84	103	12	—	—	115
Edmonton	128	18	107	373	626	535	22	104	361	1,022
Halifax	51	6	—	22	79	116	14	—	305	435
Hamilton	105	36	39	258	438	54	12	50	78	194
Hull	8	4	14	—	26	64	6	98	—	168
Kitchener	31	46	8	—	85	136	32	105	121	394
London	16	24	13	—	53	46	12	21	547	626
Montreal	483	54	56	1,715	2,308	739	77	22	959	1,797
Oshawa	12	18	38	46	114	51	26	54	—	131
Ottawa	55	90	142	183	470	63	2	129	—	194
Quebec	181	16	—	12	209	297	8	—	42	347
Regina	66	8	94	—	168	56	16	—	—	72
St. Catharines-Niagara	35	10	—	—	45	95	60	18	42	215
Saint-John	8	—	—	20	28	77	42	—	96	215
St. John's	17	14	—	—	31	22	—	31	—	53
Saskatoon	81	—	—	—	81	154	—	—	18	172
Sudbury	3	4	—	—	7	39	16	—	—	55
Thunder Bay	4	—	—	—	4	39	—	23	63	125
Toronto	46	54	138	559	797	362	228	617	827	2,034
Vancouver	257	42	99	675	1,073	484	62	305	597	1,448
Victoria	51	14	13	127	205	54	14	—	232	300
Windsor	11	—	—	—	11	36	6	—	—	42
Winnipeg	91	24	—	96	211	53	44	29	—	126
Sub-Total	1,954	540	1,002	4,236	7,732	3,882	805	1,606	4,288	10,581
Major Urban Areas	220	41	96	36	393	462	60	76	107	705
Other areas 10,000 +	483	81	73	232	869	947	166	66	640	1,819
All Areas 10,000 +	2,657	662	1,171	4,504	8,994	5,291	1,031	1,748	5,035	13,105

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, February 1977 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

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Consumer Credit, February 1977 (61-004, 30¢/\$3)

Farm Wages in Canada, February 1977 (21-002, 35¢/\$1.40)

Dairy Factory Production, March 1977 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Building Permits, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted value of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities totalled \$944 million in February compared to \$916 million in January. In February 1976, the value of construction permits issued was \$1.1 billion.

Residential permits — which constitute the largest component of building construction — remained practically unchanged in February at \$539 million. The number of new dwellings authorized reflect a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 208,000 units. In February 1976, the rate called for 265,000 new dwelling units.

In the non-residential sector, both industrial and commercial construction showed increases over January while government-sponsored projects decreased. Over-all, non-residential permits totalled \$405 million, seasonally adjusted, compared to \$367 million in January.

For further information, order the February issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Railway Freight Traffic, Fourth Quarter 1976 — Advance Information

Fourth-quarter statistics show that railways operating in Canada carried 67.3 million tons of revenue freight, 6.9% more than in the final three months of 1975. The October-December 1976 figure includes 61.8 million tons loaded in Canada (an increase of 7.1% over fourth quarter 1975) and 5.5 million tons received from United States rail connections (up 4.6%).

Of the seven major commodity groups under which rail freight is reported, carryings were up in three in the latest period: crude materials; fabricated materials; and special traffic.

Domestic loadings on a geographic basis reflected increases in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

Total revenue freight carried by rail in 1976 amounted to 262.9 million tons, a 5.6% increase over 1975.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of *Railway Freight Traffic* (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Distilleries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Distilleries shipped \$500.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 0.2% to \$337.6 million, the number of employees decreased 3.4% to 5,992 and total salaries and wages increased 10.0% to \$81.6 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Distilleries*, 1975 (32-206, 70¢).

Salt, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 513,772 short tons in March from 531,989 short tons in March 1976. This brought 1977 output to 1,944,629 short tons from 1,922,933 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Salt*, (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Broom, Brush and Mop Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

The broom, brush and mop manufacturing industry shipped \$57.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 5.4% to \$32.0 million, the number of employees decreased 11.0% to 2,085 and total salaries and wages increased 4.0% to 17.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries*, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Miscellaneous Petroleum and Coal Products Industries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous petroleum and coal products industries shipped \$86.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 56.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 63.3% to \$43.6 million, the number of employees increased 3.1% to 984 and total salaries and wages increased 22.4% to \$12.6 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Petroleum and Coal Products Industries*, 1975 (45-207, 70¢).

Building Permits

February 1977 — Advance Information

	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial (\$000)	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
Newfoundland	22	34	56	1,200	—	4,205	236	5,641
Prince Edward Island	14	—	14	562	1,299	33	3	1,897
Nova Scotia	120	128	248	6,777	228	827	1,725	9,557
New Brunswick	19	11	30	1,461	179	4,881	728	7,249
Quebec	1,354	1,659	3,013	75,725	12,617	15,678	3,802	107,822
Ontario	710	2,460	3,170	94,113	24,372	71,165	29,278	218,928
Manitoba	170	317	487	12,909	295	3,150	5,512	21,866
Saskatchewan	195	299	494	13,035	3,273	7,096	2,207	25,611
Alberta	741	1,524	2,265	60,847	3,091	29,702	3,976	97,616
British Columbia	1,220	1,103	2,323	72,088	4,227	35,075	18,910	130,300
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	3	36	39	1,291	45	5	—	1,341
Canada — Unadjusted	4,568	7,571	12,139	340,008	49,626	171,817	66,377	627,828
Canada — Adjusted	7,449	9,872	17,321	538,757	98,680	208,219	98,234	943,890
Metropolitan Areas	2,502	6,138	8,640	240,503	38,411	131,160	47,166	457,240
Calgary	243	884	1,127	25,643	1,858	15,833	187	43,521
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	26	32	58	1,859	—	531	—	2,390
Edmonton	118	268	386	12,974	305	6,012	2,073	21,364
Halifax	47	47	94	2,532	25	503	94	3,154
Hamilton	44	415	459	8,016	9,060	1,697	3,696	22,469
Hull	9	—	9	387	11	461	1,257	2,116
Kitchener	16	4	20	816	255	2,363	17	3,451
London	61	99	160	4,193	755	768	1,934	7,650
Montreal	575	1,312	1,887	47,140	11,409	9,880	1,060	69,489
Ottawa	34	13	47	2,135	394	1,661	1,531	5,721
Quebec	144	40	184	6,215	5	1,092	880	8,192
Regina	72	10	82	3,154	207	3,005	1,923	8,289
St. Catharines-Niagara	54	27	81	2,604	531	1,131	386	4,652
Saint-John	1	—	1	484	65	300	83	932
St. John's	—	34	34	690	—	60	—	750
Saskatoon	68	181	249	4,929	816	970	23	6,738
Sudbury	10	—	10	374	—	232	170	776
Thunder Bay	19	1	20	802	—	1,730	13	2,545
Toronto	234	1,519	1,753	56,988	10,122	51,723	19,815	138,648
Vancouver	510	826	1,336	41,414	1,912	24,967	3,694	71,987
Victoria	35	125	160	3,442	62	2,854	2,773	9,131
Windsor	32	2	34	1,893	357	860	46	3,156
Winnipeg	150	299	449	11,819	262	2,527	5,511	20,119

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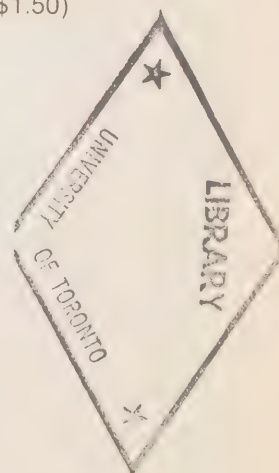
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Future Trends in Enrolment and Manpower Supply in Ontario — A report by Z. Zsigmond, G. Picot, M.S. Devereaux and W. Clark.

A record 67,100 students are expected to graduate from Ontario's universities and colleges this year. More than two-thirds of them (46,200) could enter the provincial labour force, as well as another 151,500 — high school graduates and those who leave the various levels of education before completing a program. Thus, an estimated 197,700 young people will cease full-time study and seek permanent work in Ontario in 1977.

The annual number is projected to increase to nearly 214,000 in 1981, and then decline as the crest of the baby-boom generation passes through the education system. In 1986, about 195,000 students will be potential labour force entrants.

But while the number of school-leavers is projected to rise and fall, their level of education will increase steadily. Greater post-secondary attendance over the past two decades has raised the educational attainment of young people who enter the labour force. About 44% of this year's 197,700 potential entrants have had at least some post-secondary education; by 1986, the proportion will be 50.5%. In 1966, only 24.9% had attended a post-secondary institution.

The influx of these young people will raise the overall level of education of the provincial labour force. In 1974, less than one-quarter had any post-secondary training. By 1986, the annual addition of people leaving full-time study will raise the proportion above one-third. Moreover, the percentage is likely to be even higher as those already employed upgrade their credentials through part-time study, and immigrants with post-secondary qualifications join Ontario's labour force.

An attitude survey of 1974-75 students showed that 43% of them were attending post-secondary institutions for job-related reasons (as opposed to 34% who said they wished to broaden their knowledge). Even students in "general" arts and science programs indicate employment motivations (40%) more frequently than any others.

The report also gives results of a survey of the employment status of students who had graduated from Ontario's universities and Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT's) in spring 1974, and sought full-time work. Unemployment rates varied significantly by level and by discipline. After several months in the labour market, unemployment among recipients of post-graduate degrees was 4.0% compared with 11.9% among students who had earned bachelors' degrees. Graduates of "general" programs had unemployment rates around 20%. The lowest rate, 3.1%, was among those with CAAT diplomas in technology. A year later, unemployment in the same group of graduates had declined, but the pattern by level and discipline persisted.

Nonetheless, the publication indicates that a degree offers some protection against unemployment. Between 1972 and 1975, the unemployment rate for the 14-24 age group as a whole was 9.3%. But those with only elementary schooling had a rate of 12.5%; high school graduates, 6.4%; and those who had completed post-secondary training, 5.3%.

Although the report focuses on one projection of enrolment, graduates and potential labour force entrants to 1986, alternatives are provided and trends to 2001 examined. The kind of jobs the 1974 graduates

accepted and implications for the future are also discussed.

Order *Future Trends in Enrolment and Manpower Supply in Ontario* — Projections of Enrolment, Graduates and Potential Labour Force Entrants from Ontario's Education System, and their Implications — 1971 to 1986 and Trends to 2001, by Z. Zsigmond, G. Picot, M.S. Devereaux, W. Clark (81-567E and 81-567F, \$3.50). For further information, contact Z. Zsigmond (613-995-9710 or 613-593-6681), Chief, Projections Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production decreased 3.9% to 36.7 million dozen in March from 38.1 million dozen in March 1976. The average number of layers decreased 0.6% to 23.2 million from 23.3 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased 3.9% to 1,900 from 1,967. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 5.0% to 66.6¢ a dozen from 63.4¢ a dozen.

For further information, order the March issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Hosiery Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Hosiery mills shipped \$103.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 5.9% to \$55.6 million, the number of employees decreased 6.8% to 4,861 and total salaries and wages increased 4.8% to \$34.1 million.

For further information, contact Elliott Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Knitting Mills, 1975* (34-215, 70¢).

Asbestos, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers' shipments of asbestos decreased to 155,866 short tons in March from 162,345 short tons in March 1976. This brought 1977 shipments to 398,000 short tons from 411,720 in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 30, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 30 was 276,557 short tons (250 888 t), a decrease of 0.6% from the preceding week's total of 278,083 short tons (252 273 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 271,832 tons (246 602 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 150.9 in the current week, 151.8 a week earlier and 148.4 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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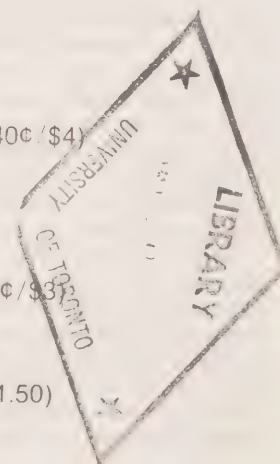
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Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 6, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese, March 1977

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities
Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1974 Annual	135.9	156.3
1975 Annual	157.1	173.4
1976 Annual	158.0	177.7
1975		
III	159.6	174.9
IV	155.8	177.0
1976		
I	157.9	178.0
II	158.1	176.8
III	158.6	178.6
IV	157.8	178.2
1976		
September	154.2	174.8
October	156.2	179.4
November	157.2	176.2
December	159.8	179.7
1977		
January	168.3	184.2
February	166.3	185.0

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The level of January and February price indexes for both imports and exports show a substantial jump compared with both the first and fourth quarters of 1976 — just over 6% for import prices and 3.5% for export prices. The depreciation of the Canadian dollar contributed to the surge in import prices and, probably to a lesser extent, to the increase in export prices.

February import volume advanced almost 5% over January, and was also 5% higher than the fourth quarter of 1976. February export volume remained at about the same level as in January, the January/February level being 12% above the low fourth quarter of 1976 and 1% above the third-quarter 1976 peak.

For further information, please order the March issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Railway Operating Statistics, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Statistics for December 1976 have been necessarily delayed awaiting the tabling of Canadian National's year-end results in the House of Commons. Data now

available show combined net income of the six major railways in Canada as \$25.2 million in December compared with a deficit of \$103.3 million in December 1975. Total operating revenues increased to \$264.4 million from \$109.4 million and operating expenses advanced to \$239.2 million from \$212.7 million.

Freight ton-miles for December 1976 aggregated 9,805.1 million, a gain of 0.2% over the previous year. But freight train-miles and freight car-miles declined 2.5% and 3.9%, respectively. Passenger-miles were up 18.7% to 153.8 million.

Twelve-month figures for all six railways show a 16.8% increase in 1976 operating revenues to \$3,058.3 million; a 9.7% rise in expenses to \$2,926.7 million; and net income of \$131.6 million, nearly three times that of 1975. Canadian National reported net operating income of \$19.6 million in 1976 (as opposed to a deficit of \$109.7 million the previous year). Canadian Pacific netted \$9.4 million on operations (\$7.9 million in 1975). Ton-miles generated by all six lines in 1976 were up 1.2%, while passenger-miles decreased 0.5%.

For further information, order the December issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wooden Box Factories, 1975 — Advance Information.

Wooden box factories shipped \$109.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 4.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 8.8% to \$51.5 million, the number of employees increased 0.6% to 3,752 and total salaries and wages increased 17.6% to \$33.4 million.

For further information, contact C.F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Wooden Box Factories, 1975* (35-209, 70¢).

New Housing Price Indexes

December 1976 — March 1977 — Advance Information

	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	% Change Mar./77 Mar./76
1971=100					
Calgary	257.8	257.8	257.8	253.4	14.2
Montreal	211.8	210.0	209.5	206.1	8.7
Winnipeg	209.7	209.7	208.6	208.3	7.5
(Jan. 1975=100)					
Saskatoon	141.4	141.4	139.7	139.0	13.6
London	111.1	111.1	111.1	111.1	4.9
Kitchener	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	1.1

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 a year) or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price IndexesMarch 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	Mar./77 Feb./77	% Change Mar./77 Mar./76
Total Index	173.2	172.6	159.3	0.3	8.7
Materials	161.7	160.6	154.1	0.7	4.9
Steel and Metal Work	171.5	171.5	168.5	—	1.8
Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning	149.6	148.6	138.8	0.7	7.8
Electrical Equipment	152.2	152.2	144.2	—	5.5
Concrete Products	185.0	181.2	172.2	2.1	7.4
Lumber and Lumber Products	169.2	165.2	169.6	2.4	-0.2
Other	155.1	154.3	148.0	0.5	4.8
Labour	186.0	185.8	165.1	0.1	12.7

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Clay Products Manufacturers (From Imported Clays), 1975 — Advance Information.

Clay products manufacturers (from imported clays) shipped \$59.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 4.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased .01% to \$41.7 million, the number of employees decreased 8.7% to 2,097 and total salaries and wages increased 7.9% to 20.7 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Clay Products Manufacturers (From Imported Clays), 1975* (44-216, 70¢).

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Bakeries, 1975* (32-203, \$1.05).

Bakeries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Bakeries shipped \$828.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 16.2% to \$459.1 million, the number of employees increased 3.0% to 27,379 and total salaries and wages increased 17.5% to \$254.9 million.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending April 21

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,870,023	2,134,950	5,004,973
Short tons, 1976	2,530,453	1,856,113	4,386,566
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 603 641	1 936 794	4 540 435
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 295 588	1 683 837	3 979 425
% change	13.4	15.0	14.1
Cars, 1977	45,502	32,679	78,181
Cars, 1976	40,795	27,757	68,552
% change	11.5	17.7	14.0
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	168,291	62,193	230,484
Short tons, 1976	134,947	45,016	179,963
Metric tonnes, 1977	152 671	56 421	209 092
Metric tonnes, 1976	122 422	40 838	163 260
% change	24.7	38.2	28.1
Cars, 1977	5,143	3,032	8,175
Cars, 1976	4,461	1,969	6,430
% change	15.3	54.0	27.1
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	36,934,638	32,054,151	68,988,789**
Short tons, 1976	35,632,112	28,841,507	64,473,619
Metric tonnes, 1977	33 506 540	29 079 037	62 585 577
Metric tonnes, 1976	32 324 908	26 164 575	58 489 483
% change	3.7	11.1	7.0
Cars, 1977	616,768	486,601	1,103,369**
Cars, 1976	607,810	449,032	1,056,842
% change	1.5	8.4	4.4
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	2,465,902	890,236	3,356,138**
Short tons, 1976	1,969,599	737,715	2,707,314
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 237 029	807 609	3 044 638
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 786 790	669 244	2 456 034
% change	25.2	20.7	24.0
Cars, 1977	75,136	38,672	113,808**
Cars, 1976	65,930	31,318	97,248
% change	14.0	23.5	17.0

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

**Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended April 21, 1977 —
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Canadian railways loaded 5.0 million short tons (4.4 million t) of revenue freight in the above week, an increase of 14.1% over the same period in 1976. The number of cars loaded rose 14.0% to 78,181 units.

Tonnage gains in the latest seven days were almost equally divided between the two regions. In the East, loadings were up 13.4% while in the West a 15.0% increase was recorded.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) were 28.1% above the year-earlier level, totalling 230,484 short tons (209 092 t).

From January 1 to April 21, 1977, the railways loaded 69.0 million short tons of freight (62.6 million t), an increase of 7.0% over the corresponding period of 1976. The number of cars loaded rose 4.4% and piggyback movements were up 24.0%.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

February 1977 — Advance Information.

	Domestic		Export		Total	
	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Ingot and semi-finished shapes	26,710	24 232	13,249	12 020	39,959	36 252
Rails	18,208	16 518	5,890	5 343	24,098	21 861
Wire rods	51,085	46 343	12,855	11 661	63,940	58 004
Structural shapes:						
Heavy	32,620	29 592	10,590	9 607	43,210	39 199
Bar-sized shapes	8,304	7 533	1,678	1 522	9,982	9 055
Concrete reinforcing bars	29,682	26 927	233	211	29,915	27 138
Other hot rolled bars	82,503	74 846	6,291	5 708	88,794	80 554
Tie plates and track material	9,896	8 978	387	351	10,283	9 329
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	75,613	68 593	11,834	10 735	87,447	79 328
Hot rolled sheets and strip	194,563	176 506	21,100	19 141	215,663	195 647
Cold finished bars	7,122	6 461	185	168	7,307	6 629
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated	142,884	129 622	11,318	10 270	154,202	139 892
Galvanized sheets	54,446	49 393	11,943	10 835	66,389	60 228
Total	733,636	665 544	107,553	97 572	841,189	763 116

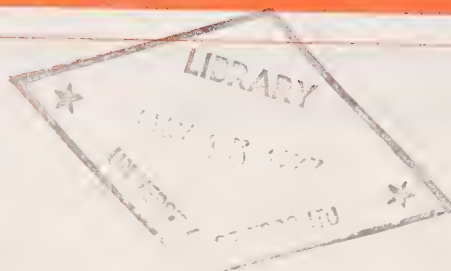
*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the February issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for February are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Imports by Commodities* (65-007, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Fourth Quarter 1976 (13-001, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Potash Mines, 1975 (26-222, 70¢)

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers, 1975 (36-205, 70¢)

Hardboard, March 1977 (36-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Coffin and Casket Industry, 1975 (35-210, 70¢)

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, January 1977 (35-001, 30¢/\$3)

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

March 1977

(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Mar.* 1977	Index Feb.* 1977	Mar. 1976	Percentage Change Mar./77 Feb./77	Mar./77 Mar./76
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	169.9	168.3	159.2	1.0	6.7
SIC Major Groups:						
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	182.2	179.9	172.1	1.3	5.9
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	145.3	145.0	137.6	0.2	5.6
4. Leather Industries	0.9	170.8	169.1	156.8	1.0	8.9
5. Textile Industries	3.5	147.8	147.4	140.6	0.3	5.1
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	129.6	129.1	123.9	0.4	4.6
8. Wood Industries	4.7	179.0	176.4	166.5	1.5	7.5
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	169.8	169.7	160.4	0.1	5.9
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	191.3	189.8	181.1	0.8	5.6
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	181.7	179.4	164.3	1.3	10.6
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	166.6	166.3	160.2	0.2	4.0
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	156.8	156.3	149.1	0.3	5.2
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	143.5	143.0	139.0	0.3	3.2
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	175.8	173.5	161.9	1.3	8.6
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	234.8	277.0	200.7	3.4	17.0
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	172.9	172.2	165.3	0.4	4.6
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	146.1	144.9	136.3	0.8	7.2

* These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index, March 1977 — Advance Information.

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 169.9 in March, up 1.0% from the revised February index of 168.3 and 6.7% above the March 1976 level of 159.2. The March increase was largely due to advances in the major group indexes for food and beverage industries (1.3%), petroleum and coal products industries (3.4%) and primary metals industries (1.3%).

Price increases of 2.0% for feeds, 8.4% for vegetable oil mills, 5.7% for cane and beet sugar processors and 0.5% for slaughtering and meat processors contributed most to the rise in the food and beverage group index. The increase in the petroleum and coal products group mainly reflected a 3.5% rise in the

petroleum refineries index. In the primary metals group, smelting and refining prices rose 2.7% and copper and copper alloy rolling, casting and extruding 3.5%.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	Apr. 29/77 This week	Apr. 22/77 Week ago	Apr. 4/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index				
Industrials	134	99.7	100.9	102.6
Foods	85	99.4	100.9	103.4
Alcoholic beverages	9	85.6	86.3	83.6
Textiles and clothing	5	74.2	76.6	80.7
Pulp and paper	3	109.2	110.1	112.2
Printing and publishing	7	129.5	131.3	137.8
Primary metals	5	96.6	99.0	105.0
Industrial mines	4	104.6	105.7	109.4
Metal fabricating	6	92.4	93.2	96.0
Non-metallic minerals	9	183.3	188.5	180.3
Petroleum	4	85.9	84.9	89.5
Chemicals	8	94.3	96.1	98.4
Construction	5	104.8	106.2	109.7
Trade	5	228.3	226.4	221.5
	15	79.9	81.3	82.2
Utilities and services				
Transportation	28	95.2	95.5	94.7
Pipelines	6	126.4	127.1	126.2
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	84.3	84.6	82.8
Telephone	5	98.8	99.6	95.9
Electric power	4	97.4	97.8	98.2
Gas distribution	3	118.0	118.0	119.5
	5	72.7	72.4	71.7
Finances				
Banks	21	107.9	109.4	110.9
Investment and loan	8	110.3	112.2	113.4
Insurance	9	101.4	102.5	104.1
	4	105.6	104.9	107.8
Mining Index				
Gold	17	110.1	111.8	114.3
Base metals	9	200.1	203.9	211.3
Uranium	8	67.0	67.6	67.8
Primary oils and gas index	2	181.9	177.7	182.3
	5	104.7	105.6	104.3

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Input Price Indexes

(1961=100)

	Eastern Canada Q1 1977	Western Canada Q1 1977	Canada Q1 1977
Total Farm Input (p)	235.3	236.3	235.8
Land and farm building (p)	257.9	283.4	270.8
Farm machinery and motor vehicles	207.4	203.2	204.8
Hired farm labour	355.4	367.8	360.1
Other materials and services	211.9	215.8	213.2

p Preliminary figures.

Farm Input Price Indexes, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

The Farm Input Price Index for Canada (1961=100) increased 2.3% in the first quarter of 1977 to 235.8 from 230.6 (revised) in the fourth quarter of 1976. The eastern index rose 3.1% to 235.3 from 228.3 (revised) and the western index was up 1.3% to 236.3 from 233.3 (revised).

In the latest 12 months, the index rose 5.5% nationally — 6.2% in the East and 4.6% in the West.

For further information, order the first quarter issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact Mrs. A.J. Sprott (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oilseeds, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Crushings of oilseeds for March, with oil produced and meal produced (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 122,119 (20,548; 97,064).
- Rapeseed: 107,885 (44,266; 61,816).

For further information, order the March issue of *Oilseeds Review* (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

March 1977

		Year-to-date 1976	Year-to-date 1977	January	February	March
Carriers Reporting*		18**	19	19	19	19
Revenue Earned:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	\$	25,727,311	26,989,877r	8,257,970	8,855,788r	9,876,119
Urban-Suburban Services	\$	74,356	67,625	22,193	22,795	22,637
Other Services (e.g. charter)	\$	3,576,656	4,071,950	766,657	1,472,811	1,832,482
Fare Passengers Carried:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	No.	7,819,804	7,350,954	2,161,162	2,391,076	2,798,716
Urban-Suburban Services	No.	187,577	172,014	55,915	56,069	60,030
Other Services (e.g. charter)	No.	298,432	495,653	157,596	164,948	173,109
Vehicle Miles:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	miles	26,873,189	27,099,403	8,660,188	8,837,869	9,601,346
	km	43 248 205	43 612 260	13 937 221	14 223 171	15 451 868
Urban-Suburban Services	miles	100,803	90,740	32,851	31,086	26,803
	km	162 226	146 031	52 868	50 028	43 135
Other Services (e.g. charter)	miles	3,055,250	3,009,650r	560,972	1,163,646r	1,285,032
	km	4 916 948	4 843 561r	902 797	1 872 706r	2 068 058
Fuel Consumed:						
Diesel Oil	gal.	4,432,233	4,558,722	1,407,571	1,527,009	1,624,142
	litres	20 149 330	20 724 359	6 398 944	6 941 920	7 383 495
Gasoline	gals.	5,596	4,051	1,383	1,456	1,212
	litres	25 439	18 415	6 287	6 619	5 509

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.

** One carrier sold his business as of March 1976.

r Revised figures.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), March 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available. Figures have been added showing total distance run and fuel consumed, using the International System of Units. This is the most modern version of the metric system, supported by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. It is the system of units which Canada is adopting.

The following observations apply to the data in this release:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Total distance run in a revenue service includes distance run empty which was necessary to provide the revenue service.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit, March 1977 — Advance Information.

In March, 38 urban transit systems collected 113,381,920 initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 31,392,892 miles (50 521 962 km) and their operating revenues amounted to \$37,795,158.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and

Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or order the March issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Telephone Statistics, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canada's major telephone systems reported revenues of \$298.6 million in March, up 9.7% over March 1976. Operating expenses were \$217.4 million, an increase of 16.6%. Net operating revenue amounted to \$81.2 million, down 5.4% from March 1976.

Revenue for the three-month period ended March 1977 was \$863.7 million compared to \$782.7 million in 1976. Operating expenses rose to \$615.5 million from \$543.0 million. Net operating revenue was \$248.3 million in 1977 compared to \$239.7 million in January-March 1976.

For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, March 1977 — Advance Information.

In March, packers, dealers and tanners held 287,504 cattle hides, up from 266,732 a year earlier. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 120,114 from 242,605 and wettings decreased to 176,201 from 246,518.

For further information, order the March issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities
Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1974 Annual	135.9	156.3
1975 Annual	157.1	173.4
1976 Annual	158.0	177.7
1975		
III	159.6	174.9
IV	155.8	177.0
1976		
I	157.9	178.0
II	158.1	176.8
III	158.6	178.6
IV	157.8	178.2
1976		
September	154.2	174.8
October	156.2	179.4
November	157.2	176.2
December	159.8	179.7
1977		
January	168.3	184.2
February	166.3	185.0

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Volume Indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices
Seasonally Adjusted
(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1974 Annual	149.3	116.5
1975 Annual	141.2	107.2
1976 Annual	151.5	120.5
1975		
III	140.0	106.1
IV	142.6	107.1
1976		
I	150.1	116.5
II	152.8	121.0
III	152.8	126.1
IV	149.5	116.8
1976		
September	155.7	131.3
October	140.0	112.3
November	152.8	114.4
December	155.7	123.8
1977		
January	150.2	128.4
February	157.5	127.0

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, February 1977 — Advance Information.

The level of January and February price indexes for both imports and exports shows a substantial jump compared with both the first and fourth quarters of 1976 — just over 6% for import prices and 3.5% for export prices. The depreciation of the Canadian dollar contributed to the surge in import prices and, probably to a lesser extent, to the increase in export prices. February import volume advanced almost 5% over January, and was also 5% higher than the fourth quarter of 1976.

February export volume remained at about the same level as in January, the January/February level being 12% above the low fourth quarter of 1976 and 1% above the third-quarter 1976 peak.

For further information, please order the March issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary statistics for March show that the number of United States residents entering Canada reached 1.6 million, up 4.0% from March 1976, while Canadian residents returning from the U.S. increased 15.4% to 2.9 million. There were 51,400 visitors from countries other than the U.S., 1.6% more than last year, and 191,600 Canadians returning from these countries, an increase of 11.8% from March 1976.

In the first quarter of 1976, U.S. visitors were down 6.4% to 4.0 million, while Canadians returning from U.S. totalled 7.4 million, up 8.8% from January-March 1976. There was little change (-0.6%) in the number (125,300) of visitors from countries other than the U.S. However, Canadians returning from these countries increased 13.8%, reaching 527,000.

For further information, order the March issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. M. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Rubber Products Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The rubber products industry shipped \$991.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 4.4% to \$565.6 million, the number of employees decreased 0.9% to 27,422 and total salaries and wages increased 12.2% to \$302.9 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Rubber Products Industry, 1975* (33-206, 70¢).

Soft Drink Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Soft drink manufacturers shipped \$732.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 26.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 25.7% to \$359.7 million, the number of employees increased 1.5% to 13,808 and total salaries and wages increased 13.5% to \$146.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Soft Drink Manufacturers, 1975* (32-208, 70¢).

Confectionery Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Confectionery manufacturers shipped \$441.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 17.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 14.7% to \$214.3 million, the number of employees decreased 2.3% to 9,399 and total salaries and wages increased 14.0% to \$83.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Confectionery Manufacturers, 1975* (32-213, 70¢).

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Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, January 1977 (35-003, 30¢/\$3)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, January 1977 (26-006, 30¢/\$3)

Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics, February 1977 (24-002, 40¢/\$4)

New Motor Vehicle Sales, 1976 (63-208, \$1.05)

Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, February 1977 (32-004, 40¢/\$4)

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Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, March 1977 (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Mineral Wool, March 1977 (44-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Motor Vehicle Shipments, March 1977 (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Quarterly Shipments of Flush Type Doors (Wood) by Canadian Manufacturers, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (35-004, 35¢/\$1.40)

Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

	Mar. 1977*	Feb. 1977*	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	% Change	
					Mar./77 Feb./77	Mar./77 Mar./76
General wholesale index	552.8	542.2r	506.5	505.1	2.0	9.1
Vegetable products	511.5	481.2r	456.1	458.2	6.3	12.1
Animal products	551.6	550.0r	552.7	557.0	0.3	-0.2
Textile products	474.8	472.0r	426.8	427.6	0.6	11.2
Wood products	769.9	760.9r	676.9	667.1	1.2	13.7
Iron products	585.5	583.8r	551.8	548.0	0.3	6.1
Non-ferrous metals including gold	489.0	479.8r	423.8	420.5	1.9	15.4
Non-metallic minerals	460.6	455.3r	425.1	421.2	1.2	8.4
Chemical products	404.4	402.0r	383.7	381.8	0.6	5.4
Summary indexes						
Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold	640.7	633.9	580.1	576.0	1.1	10.4
Raw and partly manufactured goods	528.4	506.9	475.6	475.3	4.2	11.1
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	565.3	559.6	522.4	519.5	1.0	8.2

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39 = 100), March 1977 — Advance Information.

The general wholesale index increased 2.0% to 552.8 in March from the revised February index of 542.2 to stand 9.1% higher than in March 1976. Increases were shown in all of the eight major groups.

The vegetable products index increased 6.3% to 511.5 from the revised February index of 481.2 reflecting price increases for tea, coffee and cocoa (28.4%), vegetable oil products (7.4%), fresh fruits (5.8%), sugar and its products (4.1%) and grains (2.8%). Advances of 8.3% for silver, 6.0% for solder, 2.7% for aluminum and 1.9% for nickel were mainly responsible for a 1.9% increase in the non-ferrous products index. The wood products index moved 1.2% higher in March due mainly to increases in cedar (3.5%), hardwoods (3.4%), fir (3.3%), newsprint and wrapping paper (2.0%) and spruce (1.4%). Higher prices for natural gas (8.7%), pottery (5.4%), cement (4.2%) and clay and allied products (3.0%) advanced the non-metallic minerals index 1.2%. Smaller increases were noted for: textile products 0.6%; chemical products 0.6%; animal products 0.3%; and iron products 0.3%.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1,014.0 million feet board measure (2 392 800 m³) of lumber and ties in February compared to 871.7 million (revised) in February 1976. January to February production increased to 2,024.4 million feet board measure

(4 776 700 m³) in 1977 from a revised 1,657.3 million feet board measure (3 909 000 m³) in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Operating Statistics, January 1977 — Advance Information.

Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled \$246.1 million in January, up 13.0% from a year earlier. Operating expenses increased only 9.3% to \$249.2 million and, as a result, the January net operating deficit was reduced to \$3.1 million in 1977 from \$10.0 million in 1976.

Ton-miles in the latest month declined 0.4%, while passenger-miles were down 7.4%. Freight train-miles and freight car-miles were also below year-earlier levels, falling 3.2% and 3.9%, respectively. Passenger car-miles decreased 2.6%.

For further information, order the January issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Motor Vehicle Production, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of passenger cars totalled 132,219 units in March compared to 113,298 units in March 1976. January to March production was 326,868 units compared to 307,337 units a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 61,577 units compared to 48,668. Year-to-date production was 155,278 units compared to 128,312 units.

For further information order the March issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Radio Air-Time Sales, December 1976 — Advance Information.

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$5.4 million in December, an increase of 5.9% from \$5.1 million in December 1975. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$4.6 million, up 9.5% from \$4.2 million.

Net local air-time sales rose 18.0% to \$16.4 million in December from \$13.9 million a year earlier.

Gross radio air-time sales for 1976 were reported at \$248 million compared to \$218 million for 1975, an increase of 13.8%. Net sales rose 13.4% to \$229 million from \$202 million.

For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Cotton Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Cotton yarn and cloth mills shipped \$319.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 13.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 16.2% to \$137.1 million, the number of employees decreased 7% to 10,265 and total salaries and wages decreased 2% to \$79.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Cotton Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975* (34-205, 70¢).

Television Receiving Sets, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of television sets in March were 22,980 colour sets and 2,374 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were a revised 31,623 and 7,029.

For further information, order the March issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,145 units in March, down from 31,147 in March 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,575 units compared to 5,125 (revised). Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 24,464 units compared to 25,140. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 733 units compared to 893.

For further information, order the March issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 42,133 in March compared to 41,195 in March 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 95,787 units, down from 117,028. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 17,824 from 32,432 and month-end stocks increased to 62,158 units from 53,383.

For further information, order the March issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Exports by Commodities, February 1977 (65-004, 40¢/\$4)

The Dairy Review, February 1977 (23-001, 40¢/\$4)

Estimates of Production and Disappearance of Meats, 1976 (32-220, 35¢)

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, April 1, 1977 (32-010, 30¢/\$3)

Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufacturing, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers, on balance, showed considerably more optimism about production for the May-July period this year than for the preceding three months, according to the April business conditions survey. Results showed 35% of the weighted response anticipated an increase in the volume of production and just 19% expected it to decline. In January 1977, 23% expected increased production from February through April while 30% forecast a decline. (Management is asked to allow for normal seasonal conditions when responding).

In April, 49% of the response indicated that the level of new orders was about normal with the remainder closely divided between "rising" and "declining".

Although there was no change from January in the 6% indicating that their backlog of unfilled orders was higher than normal, that proportion indicating it was lower than normal stood at 35% in April, compared with 39% three months earlier. The difference showed up in an increase of 4% in the portion indicating unfilled order levels were about normal.

While 73% reported the level of inventory of finished goods on hand was about right, 24% declared such stocks were too high and just 3% that they were too low. These results showed little change from January.

Just 7% indicated a shortage of skilled labor constituted a production difficulty compared with 10% in January and for the second consecutive quarter, only 1% reported a shortage of unskilled labor. A difficulty in obtaining supplies of raw materials was reported by just 4% of the response compared with 9% in January. Some 82% indicated no production difficulties in April.

The results, classified by economic or end use of industry products, show a considerable improvement in production expectations since January. The production forecast for export-based industries, with 51% indicating "higher" and just 10% "lower", is significant because, for the first time, the value is positive for a clear majority of the weighted opinion as compiled for any of these groups. The question was initiated in January 1976.

Response to the April survey was from management representing more than 6,400 establishments whose shipments account for more than 50% of all Canadian manufacturing shipments. The value of shipments for the establishments represented by each response was assigned to the answer to each question. These values of shipments, or weights, were summed and expressed as a percentage of all similarly-weighted response to the particular question.

Further details on conditions in manufacturing are shown in the accompanying table. The quarterly survey is conducted by the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

(see table on next page)

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January-March
(millions of dollars)

	1976	1977
Prince Edward Island	32.5	29.6
Nova Scotia	28.4	29.3
New Brunswick	30.3	28.5
Quebec	301.6	270.3
Ontario	645.1	633.1
Manitoba	252.4	209.5
Saskatchewan	1,021.4	744.5
Alberta	615.0	569.8
British Columbia	96.9	93.7
Canada	3,023.6	2,608.3

Farm Cash Receipts, January-March, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-March period of 1977 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$2,608.3 million compared to \$3,023.6 million realized during the corresponding period of 1976. These estimates included: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January-March issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stoves and Ranges, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in March decreased 1.9% to 33,270 units from 33,910 units in March 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased 13.6% to 91,660 units from 80,687.

For further information, order the March issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufacturing Industries

April, 1977

Date	Expected production, next 3 months compared to last 3			New Orders Level			Unfilled Orders Backlog			Finished Product Inventory			Sources of Production Difficulties					
	Higher	Lower	About Same	Rising	Declining	About Same	Higher than Normal	Lower than Normal	About Normal	Too High	Too Low	About Right	Working Capital	Skilled Labour	Unskilled Labour	Raw Materials	Other Difficulties	No Difficulties
Percentage of weighted response																		
All Manufacturing Industries																		
Apr./76	33	14	53	31	21	49	13	27	60	21	7	72	4	11	3	6	9	74
July/76	27	26	47	26	24	50	11	32	57	20	6	74	7	15	4	6	3	73
Oct./76	22	33	44	20	31	49	11	33	57	23	8	68	7	12	3	5	4	73
Jan./77	23	30	46	22	30	48	6	39	55	23	3	74	5	10	1	9	2	76
Apr./77	35	19	46	25	26	49	6	35	59	24	3	73	5	7	1	4	4	82
Large Establishments																		
Apr./76	33	14	53	31	21	49	13	27	60	21	7	72	4	11	3	6	9	75
July/76	27	26	47	26	24	50	11	32	57	20	6	74	6	14	4	6	3	73
Oct./76	22	33	44	20	31	49	11	33	57	23	8	68	6	12	3	5	4	74
Jan./77	24	30	46	22	30	48	6	39	55	23	3	74	5	10	1	9	2	76
Apr./77	35	18	46	25	26	49	6	35	59	24	3	73	5	7	1	4	4	83
Small Establishments																		
Apr./76	33	17	50	26	23	51	10	25	64	13	6	81	10	17	3	6	7	65
July/76	26	26	48	27	26	47	13	31	56	13	8	79	12	24	5	6	2	61
Oct./76	21	35	44	22	30	48	11	32	57	15	8	77	12	23	5	7	2	61
Jan./77	20	34	46	19	34	47	9	39	52	15	7	78	13	19	2	5	1	67
Apr./77	31	24	45	20	30	49	9	37	54	16	7	77	14	16	2	6	2	68
Durable Consumer Goods																		
Apr./76	30	33	37	17	38	44	13	45	42	48	4	48	8	12	6	8	7	68
July/76	37	34	29	25	27	48	10	38	53	38	6	56	7	12	4	6	3	74
Oct./76	27	50	23	25	34	42	9	44	47	34	9	57	8	14	5	9	3	68
Jan./77	20	50	30	11	44	45	5	64	31	50	4	46	10	10	2	2	0	78
Apr./77	31	35	34	19	32	49	8	50	42	51	4	45	15	5	1	3	8	72
Non-Durable Consumer Goods																		
Apr./76	39	11	50	24	18	58	8	11	81	13	5	82	3	13	2	10	4	77
July/76	35	21	44	29	20	51	7	15	78	14	6	81	7	18	3	8	3	67
Oct./76	26	26	48	24	16	60	9	16	75	10	7	83	6	15	5	11	1	69
Jan./77	20	31	49	24	17	59	5	22	73	12	3	84	4	9	2	8	4	78
Apr./77	30	17	53	22	22	56	4	21	74	19	3	78	5	8	1	7	4	78
Machinery and Equipment																		
Apr./76	19	30	51	20	46	34	12	47	41	36	3	61	3	15	2	2	15	68
July/76	18	40	42	15	49	36	10	47	44	31	4	65	7	15	1	2	3	75
Oct./76	23	32	45	19	49	31	12	45	43	29	6	65	5	13	1	1	2	81
Jan./77	20	38	42	18	52	30	13	51	36	28	3	69	4	16	1	2	1	79
Apr./77	29	31	39	17	46	37	9	54	37	24	4	72	3	9	0	2	2	85
Construction Materials and Supplies																		
Apr./76	39	17	45	23	30	47	17	36	47	24	11	65	5	15	4	2	9	73
July/76	20	28	53	19	41	40	10	49	42	23	8	69	5	21	4	6	5	68
Oct./76	14	55	31	17	43	40	11	50	40	24	8	67	5	13	4	3	6	74
Jan./77	15	45	40	15	47	38	6	50	44	27	5	68	5	9	2	3	3	82
Apr./77	30	27	42	23	47	30	4	65	30	22	6	72	8	11	1	2	3	79
Other Intermediate Goods																		
Apr./76	40	13	47	46	17	37	12	33	55	18	6	76	5	10	5	4	10	74
July/76	32	19	49	40	16	44	18	28	54	12	8	80	6	11	6	2	4	78
Oct./76	26	28	46	24	36	40	17	28	55	19	9	72	8	11	3	2	3	77
Jan./77	22	27	51	17	30	53	7	40	52	18	3	79	6	9	1	1	1	83
Apr./77	32	18	51	28	26	47	10	25	66	22	4	74	4	6	1	3	4	84

Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufacturing Industries

April, 1977 (continued)

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	Higher	Lower	About Same	Rising	Declining	About Same	Higher than Normal	Lower than Normal	About Normal	Too High	Too Low	About Right	Working Capital	Shortages					No Difficulties
														Skilled Labour	Unskilled Labour	Raw Materials	Other Difficulties		
Percentage of weighted response																			
Export-Based Industries																			
Apr./76	21	5	74	26	10	64	16	17	66	21	10	69	5	6	1	7	10	76	
July/76	15	35	50	9	20	71	5	38	57	28	5	67	8	12	3	10	1	74	
Oct./76	13	37	50	11	25	63	1	40	58	40	10	49	7	10	1	6	10	71	
Jan./77	37	20	44	33	28	39	2	34	64	36	2	62	4	10	1	30	2	57	
Apr./77	51	10	39	30	15	55	2	35	63	27	2	71	4	4	1	5	2	87	

Note: The survey reflects management's opinion of expected production, current orders and inventory levels, and also current sources of production difficulties. Respondents were asked to allow for normal seasonal fluctuations. Individual replies were weighted by the value of the respondent's shipments as reported to the Census of Manufactures; these weighted replies were then summed and expressed as a percentage of all similarly weighted response to the particular question. Because of rounding and inclusion of reports indicating more than one source of difficulty, category totals may differ from 100%.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, March 1977 — Advance Information.

New motor vehicles sold in March reached 128,527 units, up 12.3% from a year earlier. This included 76,518 passenger cars (up 8.8%) and 33,019 commercial vehicles (up 6.3%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 17,626 passenger cars (up 47.7%) and 1,364 commercial vehicles (up 18.8%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 17.6% to \$807.4 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$462.8 million (up 18.0%) and commercial vehicles for \$254.5 million (up 9.3%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 49.6% to \$83.6 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 21.2% to \$6.5 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 254 units of coaches and buses valued at \$7.5 million.

Seasonally-adjusted March sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased 7.0% from February to 71,756 units while those of passenger cars from overseas increased 24.1% to 17,331 units. Similarly-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up 3.3% in March to 31,069 units.

For the first three months of 1977, total sales reached 319,676 units (267,264 in 1976) with an accumulated value of \$2,015.1 million. This represented an increase of 25.1% in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9306), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Manufacturers of Electric Wire and Cable, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of electric wire and cable shipped \$646.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975; down 4.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 6.0% to \$233.0 million, the number of employees decreased 4.4% to 10,075 and total salaries and wages increased 7.5% to \$119.4 million.

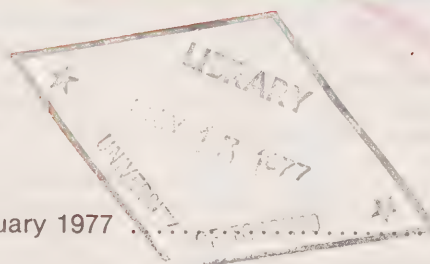
For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Electric Wire and Cable, 1975* (43-209, 70¢).

Industry Selling Price Index, March 1977 — Correction.

In a table in the Daily of Thursday, May 5, the February 1977 index for petroleum and coal products industries was shown as 277.0 but it should have read 227.0.

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Profile Studies, Ethnic Origins of Canadians, 1971 Census of Canada (99-709, \$1)

Restaurant Statistics, March 1977 (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50)

The Sugar Situation, March 1977 (32-013, 15¢/\$1.50)

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, March 1977 (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Salt, March 1977 (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Gypsum Products, March 1977 (44-003, 15¢/\$1.50)**Asbestos, March 1977 (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50)****Service Bulletins:**

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6: No. 11, Oil Filters and Cartridges; No. 13, Builders and Shelf Hardware; No. 12, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools, March 1977

Oil Pipeline Transport, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2,597,000 B/D (412 890 m³/D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in February, an increase of 1.3% from the 2,564,000 B/D (407 643 m³/D) received a year earlier. Domestic petroleum and products increased 7.3% to 2,242,000 B/D (356 449 m³/D), while imported petroleum and products decreased 25.3% to 355,000 B/D (56 440 m³/D).

For further information, order the February issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wool Production and Supply, 1976 — Advance Information.

Wool production in Canada in 1976 is estimated at 2,710,500 pounds. Imports of wool at 36,419,000 pounds increased by 16% from 1975. Exports at 989,000 pounds decreased by 54% from 1975.

For further information, order *Wool Production and Supply*, 1976 (23-205, 35¢), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Pipe and Tube Mills, 1975 Census of Manufactures — Advance Information.

The steel pipe and tube mills shipped \$561.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 25.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 11.8% to \$170.3 million, the number of employees decreased 1.0% to 5,785, and total salaries and wages increased 22.0% to \$79,326 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published in *Steel Pipe and Tube Mills* (41-220, 70¢).

Particle Board, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 45,455,000 sq. ft. (4 223 000 m²) 5/8" (15.9 mm) basis of particle board in March compared to a revised 53,268,000 sq. ft. (4 948 000 m²) in March 1976, a decrease of 14.7%.

For further information, order the March issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sugar Sales, April 1977 — Advance Information.

For April, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 82 425 316 kilograms (181,716,744 lbs.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 75 267 478 kilograms (165,936,410 lbs.) and export sales totalled 7 157 838 kilograms (15,780,334 lbs.).

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Petroleum Refining, 1975 — Advance Information.

The petroleum refining industry shipped \$5,569.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 15.9% to \$778.1 million, the number of employees decreased 5.1% to 15,157 and total salaries and wages increased 13.5% to \$270.6 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Petroleum Refineries*, 1975 (45-205, 70¢).

Glass and Glass Products Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Glass and glass products manufacturers shipped \$420.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 5.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 0.8% to \$260 million, the number of employees decreased 8.8% to 11,779 and total salaries and wages increased 3.2% to \$132 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Glass and Glass Products Manufacturers*, 1975 (44-207, 70¢).

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to March 1977 were valued at \$203.4 million, a decrease of 2.2% compared to the January-March 1976 figure of \$207.8 million.

Repair parts for the same period had a value of \$35.5 million, compared with \$33.4 million in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Oils and Fats — Manufacturers' Sales

March 1977 — Advance Information

	Margarine		Shortening*		Salad Oil	
	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Retail Sales						
1977	22,319	10 124	4,730	2 145	8,913	4 043
1976	20,994	9 523	4,992	2 264	5,841	2 649
Commercial Sales						
1977	2,071	939	12,156	5 541	1,724	782
1976	1,878	852	9,791	4 441	1,427	647
Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers:						
1977	11,767	5 337	1,756	797	6,614	3 000
1976	12,423	5 635	2,147	974	6,409	2 907
Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers:						
1977	—	—	12,438	5 642	3,703	1 680
1976	—	—	11,214	5 086	3,607	1 636

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the March issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended May 7, 1977 — Advance Information.

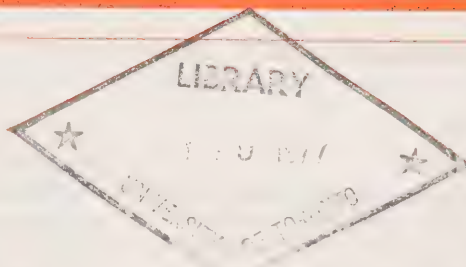
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 7 was 280,654 short tons (254 605 t), an increase of 1.5% from the preceding week's total of 276,557 short tons (250 888 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 274,086 tons (248 647 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 153.2 in the current week, 150.9 a week earlier and 149.6 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Merchandising Inventories, February 1977 (63-014, 40¢/\$4)

Sales Financing, February 1977 (63-013, 30¢/\$3)

Gas Utilities, January 1977 (55-002, 30¢/\$3)

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, April 1977 (32-012, 30¢/\$3)

Radio and Television Broadcasting, 1974 (56-204, 70¢)

The Labour Force, April 1977.

Unemployment increased marginally in April while employment declined, and Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.3% from 8.1% in March. The rate in April 1976 was 7.3%.

The adjusted unemployment level was estimated at 870,000 in April, up 14,000 from March. The employment level was estimated at 9,663,000, a decrease of 9,000 from March.

The increase in unemployment in April was entirely concentrated among men 25 and over.

The adjusted employment level decreased for men 15 to 24 (-6,000), for women 15 to 24 (-3,000) and for women 25 and over (-7,000). The level for men 25 and over increased by 7,000.

Seasonally-adjusted April unemployment rates for the provinces, with March rates in brackets: Newfoundland 16.8% (16.1%); Prince Edward Island 9.7% (9.9%); Nova Scotia 11.2% (11.7%); New Brunswick 13.0% (14.3%); Quebec 9.8% (10.0%); Ontario 7.4% (7.1%); Manitoba 6.7% (5.7%); Saskatchewan 5.5% (4.6%); Alberta 4.3% (4.5%); and British Columbia 9.1% (8.8%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the April labour force was 10,340,000 with 9,425,000 employed and 914,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 8.8%. In March, the labour force was 10,294,000 with 9,350,000 employed and 944,000 unemployed for a rate of 9.2%. In April 1976, the labour force was 10,078,000 with 9,309,000 employed and 769,000 unemployed for a rate of 7.6%.

For further information, order the April issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).
(see graphs on next page)

Industrial Chemicals, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers shipped 73,354,536 pounds (33 273 058 kg) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in March compared to a revised 63,134,255 pounds (28 637 216 kg) in March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Specified Chemicals* (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Pen and Pencil Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

The pen and pencil manufacturing industry shipped \$32.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 13.4% to \$21.8 million, the number of employees increased 2.8% to 1,083 and total salaries and wages increased 19.2% to \$9.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries*, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$40,354,161 in March compared to \$37,489,028 in March 1976.

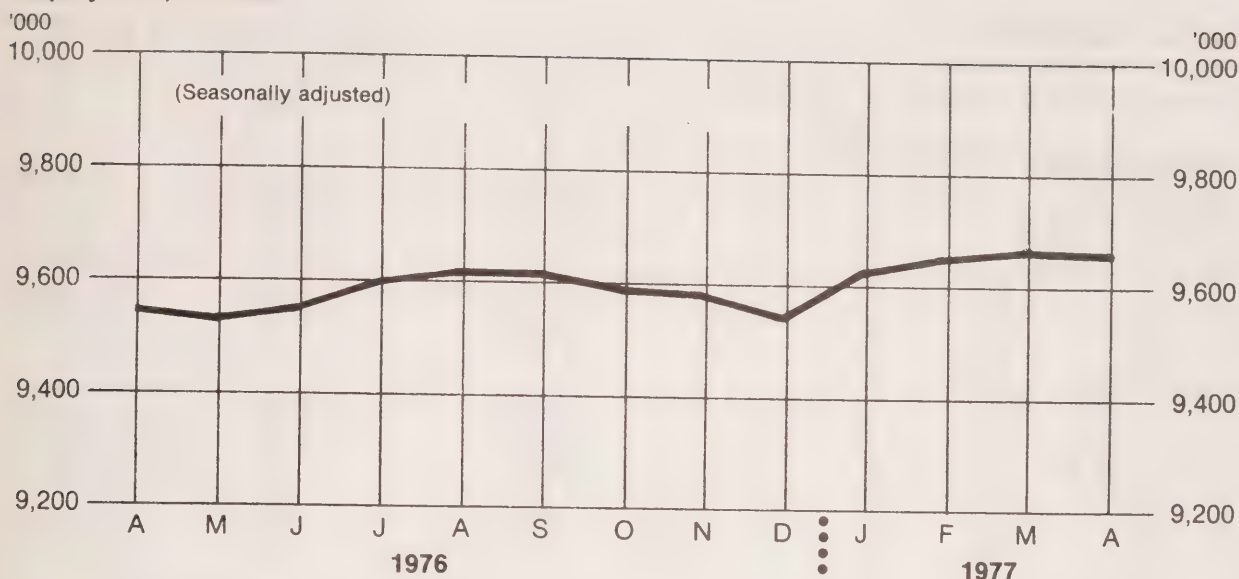
For further information, order the March issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 — Advance Information.

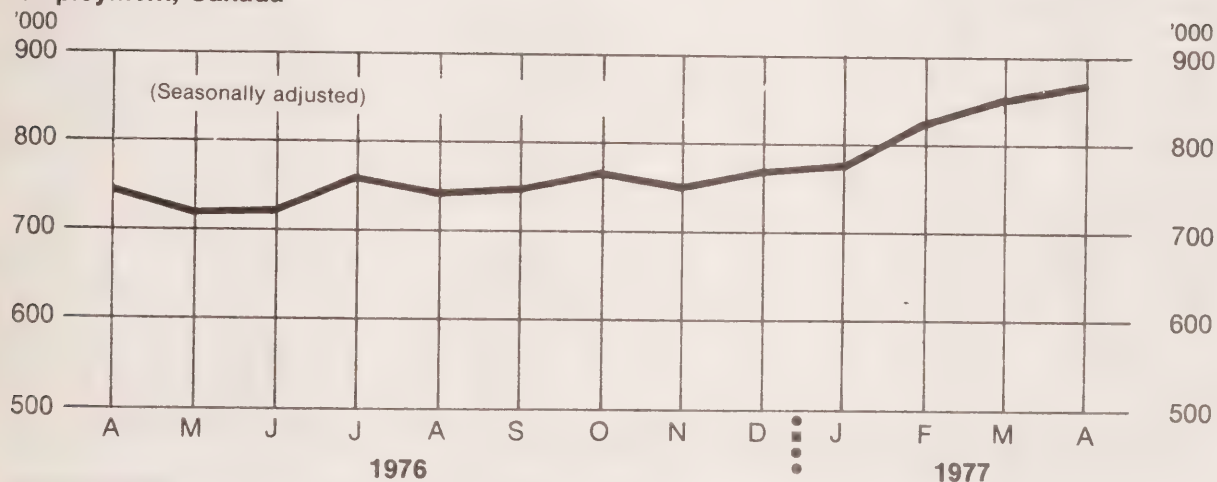
Other miscellaneous manufacturing industries shipped \$136.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 5.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 0.2% to \$87.3 million, the number of employees decreased 4.0% to 5,836 and total salaries and wages increased 3.4% to \$47.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries*, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Employment, Canada



Unemployment, Canada



Stone Products Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Stone products manufacturers shipped \$23.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 17.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 12.2% to \$13.8 million, the number of employees increased 1.8% to 946 and total salaries and wages increased 10.5% to \$8.4 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Stone Products Manufacturers, 1975* (44-213, 70¢).

Railway Carloadings

9-day period ending April 30

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	4,012,260	2,892,868	6,905,128
Short tons, 1976	3,784,066	2,846,821	6,630,887
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 639 861	2 624 366	6 264 227
Metric tonnes, 1976	3 432 847	2 582 593	6 015 440
% change	6.0	1.6	4.1
Cars, 1977	61,622	43,573	105,195
Cars, 1976	63,908	43,738	107,646
% change	-3.6	-0.4	-2.3
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	213,258	84,149	297,407
Short tons, 1976	208,203	69,716	277,919
Metric tonnes, 1977	193 464	76 339	269,803
Metric tonnes, 1976	188 879	63 245	252 124
% change	2.4	20.7	7.0
Cars, 1977	6,498	3,538	10,036
Cars, 1976	7,044	3,042	10,086
% change	-7.8	16.3	-0.5
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	40,946,898	34,947,019	75,893,917
Short tons, 1976	39,416,178	31,688,328	71,104,506
Metric tonnes, 1977	37 146 401	31 703 402	68 849 803
Metric tonnes, 1976	35 757 755	28 747 168	64 504 923
% change	3.9	10.3	6.7
Cars, 1977	678,390	530,174	1,208,564
Cars, 1976	671,718	492,770	1,164,488
% change	1.0	7.6	3.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	2 679 160	974 385	3,653,545
Short tons, 1976	2,177,802	807,431	2 985,233
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 430 493	883 947	3 314 440
Metric tonnes, 1976	1 975 669	732 489	2 708 158
% change	23.0	20.7	22.4
Cars, 1977	81,634	42,210	123,844
Cars, 1976	72,974	34,360	107,334
% change	11.9	22.8	15.4

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised

Railway Carloadings, 9 Days Ended April 30, 1977 —
Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Canadian rail freight loadings for the above nine days were up 4.1% from the same period of 1976 to 6.9 million short tons (6.3 million t). Traffic originating east of the Lakehead rose 6.0% and in the West a 1.6% increase was recorded. Cars loaded were down 2.3% to 105,195.

Trailer-container (piggyback) volume at 297,407 short tons (269 803 t) was 7.0% above the year-earlier level.

During the first four months of 1977, rail carload traffic was up 6.7% from 1976 to a total of 75.9 million short tons (68.8 million t). Cumulative piggyback loadings were up 22.4%.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

May 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	May 6/77 This week	Apr. 9/77 Week ago	Apr. 7/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	100.2	99.7	101.4
Industrials	85	99.8	99.4	101.8
Foods	9	87.2	85.6	84.7
Alcoholic beverages	5	74.2	74.2	79.7
Textiles and clothing	3	109.9	109.2	110.4
Pulp and paper	7	129.5	129.5	135.9
Printing and publishing	5	98.2	96.6	101.6
Primary metals	4	105.1	104.6	106.5
Industrial mines	6	91.5	92.4	94.0
Metal fabricating	9	189.9	183.3	179.0
Non-metallic minerals	4	87.3	85.9	89.5
Petroleum	8	95.3	94.3	97.9
Chemicals	5	105.7	104.8	108.8
Construction	5	231.3	228.3	220.0
Trade	15	79.4	79.9	80.8
Utilities and services	28	96.5	95.2	94.8
Transportation	6	129.0	126.4	126.0
Pipelines	5	86.6	84.3	83.4
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	97.5	98.8	97.5
Telephone	4	97.6	97.4	97.9
Electric power	3	119.1	118.0	119.8
Gas distribution	5	73.5	72.7	71.4
Finances	21	108.2	107.9	109.4
Banks	8	110.7	110.3	112.1
Investment and loan	9	101.5	101.4	102.5
Insurance	4	106.2	105.6	106.8
Mining Index	17	112.5	110.1	112.7
Gold	9	206.2	200.1	207.5
Base metals	8	67.6	67.0	67.3
Uranium	2	186.6	181.9	177.5
Primary oils and gas index	5	104.8	104.7	105.7

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Manufacturers of Lubricating Oils and Greases, 1975

— Advance Information.

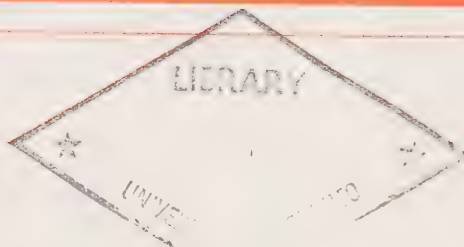
Manufacturers of lubricating oils and greases shipped \$93.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 24.1% to \$32.6 million, the number of employees increased 27.6% to 656 and total salaries and wages increased 40.9% to \$8.2 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Petroleum Refineries, 1975* (45-205, 70¢).

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Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, January-March 1977 (62-010, \$1.40 \$5.60)

Housing, Introduction to Volume II (Part 3), 1971 Census of Canada (93-726, 50¢)

Department Store Sales and Stocks, February 1977 (63-002, 40¢/\$4)

Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, March 1977 (32-021, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletin:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 6, No. 14, Sanitaryware, March 1977

Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components

(1971=100)

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Relative importance(1)	Indexes			% Change		% Contribution to total change	
		1977		1976	April 1977 from		April 1977 from	
		Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976
All items	100	157.9	157.0	146.8	0.6	7.6	100	100
Food	27	174.7	172.9	164.5	1.0	6.2	42	22
All items excluding food	73	152.0	151.2	140.5	0.5	8.2	58	78
Housing	33	159.1	158.6	145.0	0.3	9.7	19	41
Clothing	9	139.5	138.2	131.1	0.9	6.4	13	8
Transportation	15	152.7	152.0	141.5	0.5	7.9	8	15
Health and personal care	4	152.7	151.1	142.8	1.1	6.9	7	4
Recreation, education and reading	6	140.7	140.3	134.2	0.3	4.8	3	4
Tobacco and alcohol	6	141.7	140.4	131.7	0.9	7.6	8	6
Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar	—	0.63	0.64	0.68				
All-items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100		210.7						

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

Consumer Price Index, April 1977.

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.6% to 157.9 in April from 157.0 in March. Slightly over two-fifths of this latest increase was attributable to a 1.0% rise in the food index, the fourth consecutive month in which this index has registered a relatively-sharp increase. Increased housing charges contributed an additional one-fifth to this latest advance while higher clothing prices had a lesser impact. While the food index registered a 1.0% rise, the index for all items excluding food increased 0.5%. Between April 1976 and April 1977, the total CPI advanced 7.6%.

The 1.0% increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for fresh produce — vegetables in particular — fresh milk, butter, sugar and coffee. Lower prices for beef, pork and poultry partially offset these increases. The index for food consumed at home (up 1.3% in the latest month) has now increased 6.2% in the five-month period between November 1976 and April 1977, following a period of relative price stability during much of 1976.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation as well as higher electricity and water rates in some municipalities accounted for a large proportion of the 0.5% rise in the index for all items excluding food. Other notable contributing factors included higher prices for children's wear in the province of Quebec and increased prices for automobile repairs, dental care, tobacco and alcohol and hotel/motel accommodation. Partially offsetting

these increases were lower automobile insurance rates in some urban centres.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 0.7% in the latest month while that for services rose 0.5%. Between April 1976 and April 1977, the price level of services increased 9.6% while that for goods advanced 6.5%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.8% from March to April. This included a 1.3% rise in the food index and a 0.5% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In April, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was 11.3%.

(see table on next page)

Iron Ore, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian mines shipped 1,476,892 short tons of iron ore in March compared to 1,764,904 short tons in March 1976. This brought the three-months output to 5,365,108 short tons in 1977 from 5,033,688 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*

	All items		Food		All items excluding food	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1973						
May						
June	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7
July	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.5
August	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.5
September	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.6
October	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.6
November	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5
December	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6
	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.8
1974						
January	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
February	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.7
March	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.8
April	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.9
May	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.6	1.2	1.3
June	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.2
July	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6
August	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7
October	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
November	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
December	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.8
1975						
January	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
February	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
March	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.9	0.8
April	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8
June	1.5	1.2	3.2	2.8	0.8	0.7
July	1.4	1.1	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
August	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8
September	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	0.8
October	0.9	1.1	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.1
November	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
December	0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.7
1976						
January	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
February	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.6
March	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.7
April	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.7	0.7
May	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.7
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.4
July	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.5	0.6	0.5
August	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	0.8	0.7
September	0.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	1.0	1.0
October	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9
November	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
1977						
January	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.7
February	0.9	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.5	0.6
March	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1
April	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5

*For some elaboration of methodology, see appendix I(a) of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010).

**Seasonally adjusted data are revised annually using updated seasonal adjustment factors. For more information, refer to appendix II, Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010).

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

	Feb. 1977f	Jan. 1977p (\$ millions)	Dec. 1976r	Feb. 1976
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	49.8	49.7	54.8	40.1
Forestry	84.7	80.4	88.4	65.2
Mining	218.9	220.3	221.7	196.7
Manufacturing	1,879.0	1,861.1	1,899.0	1,721.7
Construction	602.9	596.2	649.7	602.6
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	870.2	859.8	920.3	761.0
Trade	1,127.1	1,133.8	1,206.8	1,022.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	534.8	531.9	522.7	468.3
Service	2,118.6	2,109.7	2,237.4	1,864.5
Public Administration and Defence(1)	756.0	755.0	794.9	657.9
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,243.8	8,199.5	8,600.1	7,403.4
Supplementary Labour Income	780.5	781.8	666.3	671.8
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,024.3	8,981.3	9,266.3	8,075.2
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture	78.0	76.6	75.3	63.1
Forestry	93.7	89.3	100.5	72.3
Mining	220.0	221.2	224.0	197.6
Manufacturing	1,926.8	1,900.0	1,930.6	1,765.0
Construction	712.4	711.7	759.0	708.7
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	895.5	890.0	927.8	783.4
Trade	1,163.1	1,157.2	1,165.8	1,055.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	535.1	535.8	530.6	468.5
Service	2,086.2	2,072.8	2,216.7	1,838.3
Public Administration and Defence(1)	769.8	769.4	802.1	669.0
Total, Wages and Salaries(2)	8,486.4	8,428.4	8,736.2	7,629.6
Supplementary Labour Income	728.6	722.6	744.9	625.7
Total, Labour Income(2)	9,215.0	9,151.0	9,481.2	8,255.3

f First estimates.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.

(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

.. Not available.

Estimates of Labour Income, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted labour income increased 0.7% to \$9,215 million in February from \$9,151 million in January.

Unadjusted for seasonal variation, labour income in February at an estimated \$9,024.3 million was up \$949 million (11.8%) from February 1976.

(Users of labour income data should note that the estimates are being revised. The revision will cover a period of four years and is expected to increase the current estimates by approximately 4%).

Further details will be published in the January-March issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20) and additional information may be obtained upon request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Mineral Production, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of minerals for March and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold: 151,101 troy ounces; 425,436 troy ounces (143,374; 425,784).
- Silver: 4,784,014 troy ounces; 11,360,135 troy ounces (3,869,286; 10,420,832).
- Primary copper: 77,275 short tons; 229,089 short tons (65,704; 196,560).
- Primary nickel: 22,975 short tons; 71,706 short tons (22,954; 69,124).
- Refined lead: 20,221 short tons; 56,029 short tons (18,892; 56,108).
- Refined zinc: 55,298 short tons; 158,420 short tons (40,324; 121,973).

For further information, order the March issue of: *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50); or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Retail Trade, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for March were \$5,030.2 million, an increase of 1.2% from the \$4,971.1 million recorded in February. Sales rose in 17 of the 28 trade groups. Hardware stores (8.4%), florists (6.7%) and household furniture stores (6.5%) showed the largest increases, while book and stationery stores (-8.5%) recorded the largest decrease. Four of the provinces had increased sales from February, ranging from 5.5% for Manitoba to 0.9% for Quebec. The largest decline was registered in Prince Edward Island (-5.2%).

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4,688.1 million in March, an increase of 10.9% over March 1976. Sales were up in all 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by book and stationery stores (31.4%) and garages (28.3%). All provinces reported increased sales over March 1976, ranging from a high of 14.2% for Quebec to 5.4% for Prince Edward Island. Montreal sales rose 10.5%; Toronto 12.3%; Winnipeg 8.3%; and Vancouver 9.6%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for February was \$3,983.4 million, up 9.0% from February 1976.

The March issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50) will contain revised estimates of retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences for 1976, and revised seasonally-adjusted estimates of retail trade for 1974, 1975 and 1976. For further information, contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Motor vehicle parts and accessories manufacturers shipped \$2,325.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 1.3% to \$1,028.9 million, the number of employees decreased 14.1% to 42,639 and total salaries and wages decreased 3.7% to \$531.7 million.

For further information, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories Manufacturers, 1975* (42-210, 70¢).

Manufacturers of Major Appliances, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of major appliances shipped \$504.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 9.0% to \$238.5 million, the number of employees decreased 10.3% to 11,753 and total salaries and wages increased 0.6% to \$121.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Major Appliances (Electric and Non-electric), 1975* (43-204, 70¢).

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 6,389,605 phonograph records in March, down from 6,436,360 in March 1976.

Production of pre-recorded tapes (8 track cartridges and cassettes only) dropped to 1,326,207 from 1,604,996.

For further information, order the March issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin* (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Mink Production, 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information on 1976 mink production at fur farms is available for each province except Ontario. The total number of pelts produced (excluding Ontario) was 498,319 compared with 536,927 in 1975.

For further information, contact P. Beerstecher (613-994-5855), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, May 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at May 1 amounted to 74.0 million pounds compared with last year's total of 49.1 million pounds.

For further information, order the May issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Miscellaneous Wood Industries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous wood industries shipped \$222 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 8.1% to \$101 million, the number of employees decreased from 6,268 to 6,265 and total salaries and wages increased 14.4% to \$59 million.

For further information, contact C.F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Wood Industries, 1975* (35-208, 70¢).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in February to 499,088,000 feet board measure (1 173 003 m³) from 376,809,000 feet board measure (889 169 m³) in February 1976. Stocks on hand at the end of February totalled 1,225,399,000 feet board measure (2 891 622 m³).

For further information, order the February issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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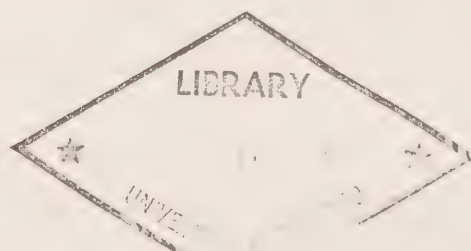
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The Labour Force, April 1977 (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

CANSIM, Interactive System User's Manual, 1977 (12-553E, \$1.05)

Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, February 1977 (61-005, 40¢/\$4)



Key Economic Series

As an added service to those readers concerned with monitoring economic conditions, we shall be publishing later this month, and each month thereafter, a listing of those series which are expected to become available during each week of the next calendar month. This listing will appear in the Statistics Canada Daily on the third working day prior to the end of each month and will include the relevant series selected from the following list:

Quarterly Reports

- Gross National Product
- Industrial Corporations — Preliminary Financial Statistics
- Financial Flows

Monthly Reports

- Index of Industrial Production
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- Labour Income
- Unemployment Insurance
- Employment, Earnings and Hours
- Wholesale Price Index
- Industrial Selling Price Index
- Retail Trade
- Consumer Credit
- Wholesale Trade
- Inventories, Shipments and Orders
- Building Permits

This list may be amended from time to time in response to demonstrated interest for other series.

It will be evident that the above list does not include those series which already have firm release dates, i.e. Labour Force Survey, Consumer Price Indexes and Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade; however, the dates for these series will be included in each end-of-month announcement.

The targets for release will be based on the best information available at that time and in most cases release will be during the week scheduled. However, favourable factors may produce results a few days ahead of schedule or, when unavoidable compilation difficulties are experienced, it is possible that a report could be released during the following week.

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, March 1977 — Advance Information.

March production of rubber increased to 49,345,000 pounds (22 382 000 kg) from 39,086,000 pounds (17 729 000 kg) in March 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to 62,187,000 pounds (28 204 000 kg) from 59,494,000 pounds (26 985 000 kg) in March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Religious Organizations, 1975 and 1974 — Advance Information.

In 1975 there were 22,086 religious organizations in Canada reporting total revenues of \$970.7 million and total expenditures of \$925.8 million. For 1974, 22,017 religious organizations had revenues amounting to \$871.3 million and expenditures of \$812.3 million.

For further information, order *Selected Financial Statistics of Religious Organizations, 1974 and 1975* (61-211, 35¢), or contact Mrs. R.W. Bennett (613-996-9301), Service Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

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- Households, 1971 Census of Canada** (93-701, 50¢)
- Summary of External Trade, March 1977** (65-001, 40¢/\$4)
- Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, March 1977** (33-001, 30¢/\$3)
- Stoves and Furnaces, March 1977** (41-005, 30¢/\$3)
- Refined Petroleum Products, January 1977** (45-004, 40¢/\$4)
- Coal and Coke Statistics, February 1977** (45-002, 40¢/\$4)
- Concrete Products, March 1977** (44-002, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Breweries, March 1977** (32-019, 15¢/\$1.50)

Footwear Statistics, March 1977 — Advance Information.

March production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,656,155 pairs from 3,963,803 pairs in March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sporting Goods Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Sporting goods manufacturers shipped \$192.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 5.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 3.7% to \$108.0 million, the number of employees decreased 1.1% to 6,880 and total salaries and wages increased 7.1% to \$57.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Sporting Goods and Toy Industries, 1975* (47-204, 70¢).

Toys and Games Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Toys and games manufacturers shipped \$132.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 0.4% to \$75.0 million, the number of employees decreased 7.8% to 3,908 and total salaries and wages increased 4.5% to \$30.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Sporting Goods and Toy Industries, 1975* (47-204, 70¢).

Sound Recording and Musical Instruments Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Sound recording and musical instruments manufacturers shipped \$83.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 40.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 39.3% to \$62.7 million, the number of employees increased 14.8% to 2,333 and total salaries and wages increased 24.7% to \$21.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975* (47-205, \$1.05).

Fruit and Vegetable Production, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance information is now available on the latest acreage, production and value for fruits and vegetables. For further information, order the May issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, 40¢/\$3), or contact Karen Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Manufacturers of Prefabricated Buildings (Wood Frame Construction), 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of prefabricated buildings (wood frame construction) shipped \$323.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 21.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 25.2% to \$133.3 million, the number of employees increased 14.8% to 6,316 and total salaries and wages increased 24.6% to \$62.9 million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Sash, Door and Other Millwork Plants, 1975* (35-205, \$1.05).

Shingle Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Establishments classified to the shingle mills industry shipped \$63.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 26.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 48.9% to \$34.1 million, the number of employees increased 4.5% to 1,609 and total salaries and wages increased 20.5% to \$21.4 million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Sawmills and Planing Mills and Shingle Mills, 1975* (35-204, 70¢).

Miscellaneous Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous vehicle manufacturers shipped \$120.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 6.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 7.6% to \$50.4 million, the number of employees decreased 13.2% to 3,029 and total salaries and wages decreased 1.5% to \$29.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975* (42-212, 70¢).

Preliminary Monthly Report of Petroleum Sales, March 1977

(Thousands of Barrels)

	Motor Gasoline	Aviation Turbo Fuel	Kerosene and Stove Oil	Diesel Fuel	Light Fuel	Heavy Fuel	Other Products	Total Products
Newfoundland	295	75	97	209	361	292	13	1,342
Prince Edward Island	78	5	25	17	114	105	7	351
Nova Scotia	587	53	126	453	844	1,188	65	3,316
New Brunswick	468	35	86	141	553	1,295	49	2,627
Quebec	4,134	504	420	1,030	4,052	3,270	1,094	14,504
Ontario	6,156	671	218	1,406	4,045	2,436	1,773	16,705
Manitoba	754	112	102	311	152	102	54	1,587
Saskatchewan	927	50	87	312	146	1	49	1,572
Alberta	2,054	289	56	777	96	-9	636	3,899
British Columbia	1,953	232	127	1,166	717	776	301	5,272
Northwest Territories	18	5	20	29	25	—	2	99
Yukon	23	29	9	61	45	—	6	173
Canada	17,447	2,060	1,373	5,912	11,150	9,456	4,049	51,447
Canada 1976	17,163	2,022	1,961	5,553	13,990	9,455	4,027	54,171
% change 1977/1976	1.7	1.9	-30.0	6.5	-20.3	—	0.5	-5.0

Refined Petroleum Products, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 56,762,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in March, an increase of 11.2% compared to the latest available data for March 1976.

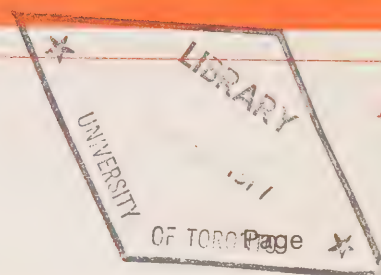
Preliminary data shows that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 51,447,000 barrels, a decrease of 5.0% from March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for March are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Housing, Introduction to Volume II (Part 4), 1971 Census of Canada (93-734, 50¢)

Building Permits, February 1977 (64-001, 70¢/\$7)

Biscuit Manufacturers, 1975 (32-202, 70¢)

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Railway Carloadings, March 1977 (52-001, 30¢/\$3)

Urban Transit, March 1977 (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds, 4th Quarter 1976 (74-001, 35¢/\$1.40)

Service Bulletins:

Electrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 5, Electric Lamps, March 1977

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, No. 15, Domestic and Farm Water Systems, March 1977

Industrial Corporations Financial Statistics

First Quarter 1977

	Sales		Year-over-Year Change Net income before Extraordinary items		Net income after Extraordinary items	
	(\$ millions)	%	(\$ millions)	%	(\$ millions)	%
All industries						
1st Qtr. 1977	59,006		2,162		2,165	
1st Qtr. 1976	53,331		1,996		2,018	
change	5,675	10.6	166	8.3	147	7.3
Mining industries						
1st Qtr. 1977	3,850		523		523	
1st Qtr. 1976	3,166		375		387	
change	684	21.6	148	39.5	136	35.1
Manufacturing industries						
1st Qtr. 1977	28,655		1,009		1,005	
1st Qtr. 1976	25,833		1,000		1,004	
change	2,822	10.9	9	0.9	1	0.1
Other industries						
1st Qtr. 1977	26,501		630		637	
1st Qtr. 1976	24,332		621		627	
change	2,169	8.9	9	1.4	10	1.6

Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data), First Quarter 1977 (61-003p, free to subscribers).

The accompanying table represents the highlights of preliminary financial statistics of Canadian industrial corporations for the first quarter of 1977.

Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars), April 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for April amounted 5.4 billion compared to 5.6 billion for April 1976. Production of cigars was 37.9 million compared to 47.3 million for April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin* (32-022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables — Monthly, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance information on canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for the month of March containing data on pack, shipments and stocks of selected fruits and vegetables is now available.

For further information, order the March issue of *Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables — Monthly* (32-011, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

March 1977 — Advance Information

	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	36	6	—	32	74	102	8	22	54	186
Prince Edward Island	1	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	4
Nova Scotia	87	10	—	—	97	140	15	—	435	590
New Brunswick	12	—	—	28	40	141	4	—	132	277
Quebec	937	57	10	1,540	2,544	1,565	143	57	1,677	3,442
Ontario	677	586	365	1,133	2,761	1,400	640	924	1,082	4,046
Manitoba	209	124	57	662	1,052	238	32	64	91	425
Saskatchewan	234	2	30	319	585	442	16	107	622	1,187
Alberta	542	98	209	390	1,239	919	180	454	716	2,269
British Columbia	672	72	146	333	1,223	1,052	84	261	686	2,083
Canada	3,407	955	817	4,437	9,616	6,003	1,122	1,889	5,495	14,509
Metropolitan Areas										
Calgary	201	36	185	46	468	227	86	349	448	1,110
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	37	6	—	16	59	52	4	—	47	103
Edmonton	173	40	24	251	488	537	70	101	62	770
Halifax	60	10	—	—	70	90	15	—	363	468
Hamilton	122	50	89	—	261	86	4	176	114	380
Hull	6	—	—	—	6	65	10	6	—	81
Kitchener	23	34	57	—	114	135	34	16	74	259
London	71	20	4	—	95	52	24	94	—	170
Montreal	381	32	1	1,332	1,746	815	111	41	1,060	2,027
Oshawa	17	48	7	45	117	18	68	—	—	86
Ottawa	15	82	—	201	298	74	34	108	306	522
Quebec	192	8	9	30	239	290	10	7	127	434
Regina	125	2	—	132	259	145	14	102	355	616
St. Catharines-Niagara	60	34	13	9	116	99	54	49	—	202
Saint-John	6	—	—	—	6	83	—	—	132	215
St. John's	36	6	—	32	74	62	8	22	48	140
Saskatoon	70	—	—	127	197	162	2	—	84	248
Sudbury	3	—	—	—	3	48	24	—	—	72
Thunder Bay	14	2	—	—	16	48	—	29	—	77
Toronto	162	152	157	350	821	408	234	350	486	1,478
Vancouver	215	28	127	141	511	495	32	208	382	1,117
Victoria	35	4	—	115	154	78	10	5	94	187
Windsor	29	14	4	—	47	63	14	8	—	85
Winnipeg	171	124	57	662	1,014	187	32	64	91	374
Sub-Total	2,224	732	734	3,489	7,179	4,319	894	1,735	4,273	11,221
Major Urban Areas	289	82	8	295	674	477	80	32	388	977
Other areas 10,000 +	894	141	75	653	1,763	1,207	148	122	834	2,311
All Areas 10,000 +	3,407	955	817	4,437	9,616	6,003	1,122	1,889	5,495	14,509

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, March 1977 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Starts, by Type of Dwelling, all Areas, Summary by Province

1st Quarter 1977

	Single Detached	Two-family	Row	Apartment and Other	Total
(Number of Dwelling Units)					
Canada	10,228	2,502	3,408	13,942	30,080
Newfoundland	98	20	—	32	150
Prince Edward Island	7	2	—	—	9
Nova Scotia	300	26	94	73	493
New Brunswick	45	2	—	58	105
Quebec	3,411	243	105	5,414	9,173
Ontario	1,934	1,363	1,636	3,417	8,350
Manitoba	490	263	94	904	1,751
Saskatchewan	660	30	124	513	1,327
Alberta	1,319	234	697	1,117	3,367
British Columbia	1,964	319	658	2,414	5,355

Children's Clothing Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The children's clothing industry shipped \$171.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 0.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 9.4% to \$73.8 million, the number of employees decreased 6.6% to 6,796 and total salaries and wages increased 7.1% to \$46.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Women's and Children's Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-217, 70¢).

Production and Shipments of Plastic Bottles, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

There were 149,867,000 plastic bottles produced during the March quarter, up from 107,272,000 in the first quarter of 1976. Shipments of plastic bottles (excluding intra-company transfers) amounted to 116,839,000 compared to 78,771,000. These shipments were valued f.o.b. plant at \$10,335,000 in 1977 compared to \$6,820,000 in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Rubber and Plastic Products Industries Service Bulletin* (47-002, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for April was 1,183,277 short tons (1 073 451 t). Preliminary pig iron production for April was 867,372 short tons (786 867 t).

For further information, order the April issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended May 14, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 14 was 281,328 short tons (255 216 t), an increase of 0.2% from the preceding week's total of 280,654 short tons (254 605 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 266,074 tons (241 378 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 153.5 in the current week, 153.2 a week earlier and 145.2 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Fish Products Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The fish products industry shipped \$585.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 0.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 3.2% to \$239.5 million, the number of employees decreased 9.5% to 16,987 and total salaries and wages increased 18.2% to \$140.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Fish Products Industry, 1975* (32-216, 70¢).

Wholesale Trade, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales by wholesale merchants for March were estimated at \$5,051,366,000, up 16.4% from \$4,338,029,000 in March 1976.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$7,522,211,000 at the end of March, an increase of 11.0% from \$6,776,856,000 on hand a year earlier.

For further details, order the March issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Computer Service Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

In 1975 there were 397 companies in Canada primarily engaged in providing processing, software and system, maintenance, education and other computer-related services with total operating revenue reported at \$285.7 million. There were 44 working proprietors and 9,693 paid employees with salaries and wages of \$114.6 million.

Another 50 companies were primarily engaged in providing sales/lease or rental of hardware services with reported total 1975 operating revenue of \$648.8 million. Paid employees of these companies totalled 9,501 with salaries and wages amounting to \$159.7 million.

In addition, \$97.0 million was reported by 432 companies and institutions classified to other major industry groups (manufacturing, education and finance, etc.), but who were engaged in providing computer services to outside users as a secondary activity.

For further information, order the 1975 edition of *Computer Service Industry* (63-222, 70¢), or contact Mrs. R. Bennett (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Signs and Displays Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The signs and displays industry shipped \$129.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 18.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 13.2% to \$111.0 million, the number of employees increased 4.1% to 6,406 and total salaries and wages increased 11.7% to \$64.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Signs and Displays Industry*, 1975 (47-209, 70¢).

Throwsters, Spun Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

The throwsters, spun yarn and cloth mills shipped \$452.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 2.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 5.0% to \$173.6 million, the number of employees decreased 11.2% to 13,746 and total salaries and wages decreased 3.2% to \$110.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Man-made Fibre Yarn and Cloth Mills*, 1975 (34-208, 70¢).

Domestic Mobile Homes, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Shipments of domestic mobile homes decreased to 2,020 single units in the March quarter from 3,488 in the first quarter of 1976. Shipments of double-wide units decreased to 488 from 679 a year earlier.

For further information, order the March issue of *Fabricated Metal Products Service Bulletin* (41-009, \$2.80 a year), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Miscellaneous Textile Industries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous textile industries shipped \$315 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 8.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 11.5% to \$157.9 million, the number of employees increased .06% to 9,212 and total salaries and wages increased 12.3% to \$77.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Textile Industries*, 1975 (34-210, 70¢).

Embroidery, Pleating and Hemstitching Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Embroidery, pleating and hemstitching manufacturers shipped \$21.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 9.5% to \$15.3 million, the number of employees increased 26.6% to 1,807 and total salaries and wages increased 32.3% to \$12.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Textile Industries*, 1975 (34-210, 70¢).

Textile Dyeing and Finishing Plants, 1975 — Advance Information.

Textile dyeing and finishing plants shipped \$90.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 3.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 11.8% to \$47.3 million, the number of employees increased 5.7% to 4,158 and total salaries and wages increased 11.2% to \$31.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Textile Industries*, 1975 (34-210, 70¢).

Other Knitting Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Other knitting mills shipped \$289.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 18.1% to \$166.2 million, the number of employees decreased 2.0% to 14,192 and total salaries and wages increased 15.5% to \$101.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Knitting Mills*, 1975 (34-215, 70¢).

Men's Clothing Factories, 1975 — Advance Information.

Men's clothing factories shipped \$877.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 22.8% to \$470.3 million, the number of employees decreased 0.2% to 36,930 and total salaries and wages increased 29.8% to \$310.2 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Men's Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-216, 70¢).

Ready-mix Concrete Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Ready-mix concrete manufacturers shipped \$596 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 17.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 21.8% to \$271.8 million, the number of employees increased 3.5% to 9,541 and total salaries and wages increased 16.4% to \$122.8 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Ready-mix Concrete Manufacturers, 1975* (44-211, 70¢).

Dairy Factory Production, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of creamery butter decreased 27.1% in April to 20.6 million pounds from 28.2 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production increased 0.01% to 13.96 million pounds from 13.95 million pounds and production of ice cream mix increased 5.2% to 2.8 million gallons from 2.7 million gallons.

For further information, order the April issue of *Dairy Factory Production* (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, May 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 28.6 million pounds on May 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 67.2 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were up to 60.4 million pounds from 59.1 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 39.2% to 205.9 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased 29.2% to 11.7 million.

For further information, order the May issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C. M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Population of Canada, Provinces, Census Metropolitan Areas and Municipalities of 50,000 and Over, 1976 Census of Canada.

The population of Canada at June 1, 1976 was 22,992,604, an increase of 6.6% or 1,424,693 from the previous census in 1971. The provinces of Alberta and British Columbia recorded the largest growth rates at 12.9% each. Ontario's growth was next in line at 7.3%.

The Calgary Census Metropolitan Area showed the greatest increase at 16.5% with Kitchener Census Metropolitan Area following at 14.1%. The Toronto Census Metropolitan Area became the largest in Canada, with a population of 2,803,101, some 7.7% more than in 1971, while Montreal CMA was very close behind at 2,802,485, showing a growth of 2.7% since 1971.

The municipality of 50,000 population or over showing the largest growth rate was Gloucester Township in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton at 56.2%. In many instances Canada's largest cities showed significant declines in population, Montreal and Toronto being the most noticeable at 133,806 (-11.0%) and 79,468 (-11.1%), respectively. But Montreal remained the largest municipality in Canada with a population of 1,080,546. Toronto was next but far behind at 633,318.

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**Population, Showing Numerical Distribution and Percentage Change,
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	Population		Percent Change
	1971	1976	
Canada	21,568,311	22,992,604	6.6
Newfoundland	522,104	557,725	6.8
Prince Edward Island	111,641	118,229	5.9
Nova Scotia	788,960	828,571	5.0
New Brunswick	634,557	677,250	6.7
Quebec	6,027,764	6,234,445	3.4
Ontario	7,703,106	8,264,465	7.3
Manitoba	988,247	1,021,506	3.4
Saskatchewan	926,242	921,323	-0.5
Alberta	1,627,874	1,838,037	12.9
British Columbia	2,184,621	2,466,608	12.9
Yukon	18,388	21,836	18.8
Northwest Territories	34,807	42,609	22.4

Population for Census Metropolitan Areas, Showing Percentage Change, 1971 and 1976

	1971(1)	1976	Percentage Change
Calgary, Alta.	403,343	469,917	16.5
Chicoutimi-Jonquière, Qué.	126,401	128,643	1.6
Edmonton, Alta.	496,000	554,228	11.7
Halifax, N.S.	250,581	267,991	6.9
Hamilton, Ont.	503,122	529,371	5.2
Kitchener, Ont.	238,574	272,158	14.1
London, Ont.	252,981	270,383	6.9
Montréal, Qué.	2,729,211	2,802,485	2.7
Oshawa(2), Ont.	120,318	135,196	12.4
Ottawa-Hull, Ont., Qué.	619,861	693,288	11.8
Ontario (part)	474,168	521,341	9.9
Québec (part)	145,693	171,947	18.0
Québec, Qué.	501,365	542,158	8.1
Regina, Sask.	140,734	151,191	7.4
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ont.	285,802	301,921	5.6
St. John's, Nfld.	131,814	143,390	8.8
Saint John, N.B.	106,744	112,974	5.8
Saskatoon, Sask.	126,449	133,750	5.8
Sudbury, Ont.	157,721	157,030	-0.4
Thunder Bay, Ont.	114,708	119,253	4.0
Toronto, Ont.	2,602,098	2,803,101	7.7
Vancouver, B.C.	1,082,352	1,166,348	7.8
Victoria, B.C.	195,800	218,250	11.5
Windsor, Ont.	248,718	247,582	-0.5
Winnipeg, Man.	549,808	578,217	5.2

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Municipalities of 50,000 Population and Over, Showing Percentage Change, 1971 and 1976

	1971(1)	1976	Percentage Change
Beauport, V/C, Qué.	49,841	55,339	11.0
Brampton, C, Ont.	70,838	103,459	46.0
Brantford, C, Ont.	64,527	66,950	3.8
Burlington, C, Ont.	86,113	104,314	21.1
Burnaby, DM, B.C.	125,660	131,599	4.7
Calgary, C, Alta.	403,343	469,917	16.5
Cambridge, C, Ont.	64,794	72,383	11.7
Charlesbourg, V/C, Qué.	52,530	63,147	20.2
Chicoutimi, V/C, Qué.	55,532	57,737	4.0
Coquitlam, DM, B.C.	53,230	55,464	4.2
Dartmouth, C, N.S.	64,770	65,341	0.9
Delta, DM, B.C.	45,860	64,492	40.6
Edmonton, C, Alta.	438,565	461,361	5.2
Etobicoke, Bor, Ont.	282,686	297,109	5.1
Gatineau, V/C, Qué.	54,548	73,479	34.7
Gloucester, TM, Ont.	36,193	56,516	56.2
Guelph, C, Ont.	60,087	67,538	12.4
Halifax, C, N.S.	122,035	117,882	-3.4
Halifax, Mun, N.S.	74,630	95,289	27.7
Hamilton, C, Ont.	309,173	312,003	0.9
Hull, C, Qué.	63,580	61,039	-4.0
Jonquière, V/C, Qué.	62,193	60,691	-2.4
Kamloops, C, B.C.	46,765	58,311	24.7
Kelowna, C, B.C.	40,097	51,955	29.6
Kingston, C, Ont.	59,047	56,032	-5.1
Kitchener, C, Ont.	116,966	131,870	12.7
La Salle, C, Qué.	72,912	76,713	5.2
Laval, V/C, Qué.	228,010	246,243	8.0
London, C, Ont.	223,222	240,392	7.7
Longueuil, V/C, Qué.	97,590	122,429	25.5
Markham, T-V, Ont.	36,684	56,206	53.2
Mississauga, C, Ont.	172,042	250,017	45.3
Moncton, C, N.B.	54,864	55,934	2.0
Montréal, V/C, Qué.	1,214,352	1,080,546	-11.0
Montréal, Nord, C, Qué.	89,139	97,250	9.1
Nepean, TM, Ont.	64,606	76,947	19.1
Niagara Falls, C, Ont.	67,163	69,423	3.4
North Bay, C, Ont.	49,187	51,639	5.0
North Vancouver, DM, B.C.	57,861	63,471	9.7
Oakville, T-V, Ont.	58,440	68,950	18.0
Oshawa, C, Ont.	94,994	107,023	12.7
Ottawa, C, Ont.	302,341	304,462	0.7
Peterborough, C, Ont.	58,111	59,683	2.7
Prince George, C, B.C.	49,365	59,929	21.4
Québec, V/C, Qué.	187,833	177,082	-5.7
Regina, C, Sask.	139,479	149,593	7.3
Richmond, DM, B.C.	62,121	80,034	28.8
Saanich, DM, B.C.	65,040	73,383	12.8
Saint John, C, N.B.	89,039	85,956	-3.5
Sarnia, C, Ont.	57,644	55,576	-3.6
Saskatoon, C, Sask.	126,449	133,750	5.8
Sault Ste. Marie, C, Ont.	80,332	81,048	0.9
Scarborough, Bor, Ont.	338,022	387,149	14.5
Sherbrooke, C, Qué.	80,736	76,804	-4.9
St. Catharines, C, Ont.	109,722	123,351	12.4
St. John's, C, Nfld.	88,414	86,576	-2.1
St-Laurent, V/C, Qué.	62,955	64,404	2.3
St-Léonard, C, Qué.	52,040	78,452	50.8
Ste-Foy, V/C, Qué.	68,385	71,237	4.2
Sudbury, C, Ont.	100,446	97,604	-2.8
Surrey, DM, B.C.	98,601	116,497	18.1
Thunder Bay, C, Ont.	108,411	111,476	2.8
Toronto, C, Ont.	712,786	633,318	-11.1
Trois-Rivières, V/C, Qué.	55,869	52,518	-6.0
Vancouver, C, B.C.	426,298	410,188	-3.8
Verdun, C, Qué.	74,718	68,013	-9.0

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Victoria, C, B.C.	61,761	62,551	1.3
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Winnipeg, C, Man.	535,233	560,874	4.8
York, Bor, Ont.	147,301	141,367	-4.0
York, East, Bor, Ont.	104,784	106,950	2.1
York, North, Bor, Ont.	504,150	558,398	10.8

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Halifax, Mun, N.S.	74,630	95,289	27.7
Hamilton, C, Ont.	309,173	312,003	0.9
Hull, C, Qué.	63,580	61,039	-4.0
Jonquière, V/C, Qué.	62,193	60,691	-2.4
Kamloops, C, B.C.	46,765	58,311	24.7
Kelowna, C, B.C.	40,097	51,955	29.6
Kingston, C, Ont.	59,047	56,032	-5.1
Kitchener, C, Ont.	116,966	131,870	12.7
La Salle, C, Qué.	72,912	76,713	5.2
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London, C, Ont.	223,222	240,392	7.7
Longueuil, V/C, Qué.	97,590	122,429	25.5
Markham, T-V, Ont.	36,684	56,206	53.2
Mississauga, C, Ont.	172,042	250,017	45.3
Moncton, C, N.B.	54,864	55,934	2.0
Montréal, V/C, Qué.	1,214,352	1,080,546	-11.0
Montréal, Nord, C, Qué.	89,139	97,250	9.1
Nepean, TM, Ont.	64,606	76,947	19.1
Niagara Falls, C, Ont.	67,163	69,423	3.4
North Bay, C, Ont.	49,187	51,639	5.0
North Vancouver, DM, B.C.	57,861	63,471	9.7
Oakville, T-V, Ont.	58,440	68,950	18.0
Oshawa, C, Ont.	94,994	107,023	12.7
Ottawa, C, Ont.	302,341	304,462	0.7
Peterborough, C, Ont.	58,111	59,683	2.7
Prince George, C, B.C.	49,365	59,929	21.4
Québec, V/C, Qué.	187,833	177,082	-5.7
Regina, C, Sask.	139,479	149,593	7.3
Richmond, DM, B.C.	62,121	80,034	28.8
Saanich, DM, B.C.	65,040	73,383	12.8
Saint John, C, N.B.	89,039	85,956	-3.5
Sarnia, C, Ont.	57,644	55,576	-3.6
Saskatoon, C, Sask.	126,449	133,750	5.8
Sault Ste. Marie, C, Ont.	80,332	81,048	0.9
Scarborough, Bor, Ont.	338,022	387,149	14.5
Sherbrooke, C, Qué.	80,736	76,804	-4.9
St. Catharines, C, Ont.	109,722	123,351	12.4
St. John's, C, Nfld.	88,414	86,576	-2.1
St-Laurent, V/C, Qué.	62,955	64,404	2.3
St-Léonard, C, Qué.	52,040	78,452	50.8
Ste-Foy, V/C, Qué.	68,385	71,237	4.2
Sudbury, C, Ont.	100,446	97,604	-2.8
Surrey, DM, B.C.	98,601	116,497	18.1
Thunder Bay, C, Ont.	108,411	111,476	2.8
Toronto, C, Ont.	712,786	633,318	-11.1
Trois-Rivières, V/C, Qué.	55,869	52,518	-6.0
Vancouver, C, B.C.	426,298	410,188	-3.8
Verdun, C, Qué.	74,718	68,013	-9.0

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Municipalities of 50,000 Population and Over, Showing Percentage Change, 1971 and 1976

	1971(1)	1976	Percentage Change
Victoria, C, B.C.	61,761	62,551	1.3
Windsor, C, Ont.	203,300	196,526	-3.3
Winnipeg, C, Man.	535,233	560,874	4.8
York, Bor, Ont.	147,301	141,367	-4.0
York, East, Bor, Ont.	104,784	106,950	2.1
York, North, Bor, Ont.	504,150	558,398	10.8

(1) Based on 1976 area.

C City

Bor Borough

DM District Municipality

MUN Municipality

TM Township municipality

T-V Town

V/C Ville/Cité

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Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, February 1977 (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

Service Bulletin:

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 9, Telecommunication Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1976

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, Three Months Ended April 30, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended April 30 show an 8% increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended January 31, 1977 and a decrease of 18% from the comparable period of 1976. In the latest period, the average number of vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs was 40,700.*

Vacancies for full-time jobs increased by 9% to 36,400 from 33,500 in the preceding period, but longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) declined by 5% to 12,200.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest three-month period, five were vacant, an increase of one over the preceding period. The comparable rate last year was six per 1,000.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (11 per 1,000) and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan (both six per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate, three per 1,000, occurred in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

*The Job Vacancy Survey provides an estimate of the average number of vacancies available on any given day in a three-month period. The estimate of this three-month average is derived from six observations taken at regular intervals. Consequently, the survey does not cover those vacancies which occur and are filled between individual observations. In addition, the survey does not cover openings in agriculture, fishing, hunting, trapping and households. The data derived from the Job Vacancy Survey, taken over time, are consistent and reliable indicators of trends in job openings. For detailed definitions and design of the survey see Canadian Job Vacancy Survey, Technical Appendix, 1972 (71-521, 50¢).

Vacancy Rates for Part-time and Full-time Jobs Canada and Provinces

	Three-month Periods Ending		
	Apr. 1977p	Jan. 1977	Apr. 1976
	(Rates per 1,000 jobs)		
Canada(1)	5	4	6
Atlantic Provinces(2)	3	3	5
Newfoundland	3	4	4
Nova Scotia	3	2	4
New Brunswick	3	4	7
Quebec	4	4	6
Ontario	4	4	5
Manitoba	6	4	9
Saskatchewan	6	7	9
Alberta	11	10	11
British Columbia	4	3	4

p Preliminary estimates.

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), or Ms. M. Beaubien (613-996-7148), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Consumer Credit, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$22,164 million at the end of March, 16.9% more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of March 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$16,726 million, up 22.8%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: \$75 million, up 23.0%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,231 million, up 6.7%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$222 million, down 6.7%; large \$1,477 million, down 1.4%; instalment sales paper \$1,116 million, up 0.8%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,317 million, up 3.5%.

Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$5,765 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976, up 14.1% from a year earlier. The largest of such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported preliminary balances outstanding of \$3,820 million, up 17.8%. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issuers; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies).

Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976 totalled \$27,617 million, up 16.2% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the March issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Concrete Products Manufacturers, 1975.

Concrete products manufacturers shipped \$459.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 14% to \$282.1 million, the number of employees decreased 4% to 11,201 and total salaries and wages increased 7% to \$128.3 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Concrete Products Manufacturers, 1975* (44-205, 70¢).

Manufacturers of Wooden Kitchen Cabinets, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of wooden kitchen cabinets shipped \$124.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 12.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 20.2% to \$70.9 million, the number of employees decreased 2.0% to 3,988 and total salaries and wages increased 11.7% to 42.0 million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Sash, Door and Other Millwork Plants, 1975* (35-205, \$1.05).

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Roundwood production decreased 11.8% to 1,047,992 cunits (2 968 000 m³) in March from 1,187,541 cunits (3 363 000 m³) in March 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased 1.7% to 2,544,419 cunits (7 205 000 m³) from 2,501,792 cunits (7 083 000 m³) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased 9.4% to 10,538,862 cunits (29 842 000 m³) from 11,625,968 (32 921 000 m³). Receipts of wood residue increased 13.7% to 1,118,929 cunits (3 168 000 m³) from 984,013 cunits (2 786 000 m³).

For further information, order the March issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped 185,285,000 sq. ft. (17 214 000 m²) 3/8" (9.525 mm basis) of softwood plywood in February, down from a revised 202,788,000 sq. ft. (18 840 000 m²) in February 1976.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to 32,056,000 sq. ft. (2 978 000 m²) surface measure for February, a decrease of 8.5% from the revised data for February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of *Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods* (35-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production of Tea and Coffee, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

During the March quarter, production of roasted coffee was 33,614,011 pounds (15 247 058 kg) compared to 23,137,000 pounds (10 495 000 kg) in 1976. Production of instant coffee was 6,843,787 pounds (3 104 290 kg) compared to 6,519,000 pounds (2 957 000 kg) in the year-earlier period. Production of tea was 13,597,093 pounds (6 167 537 kg) compared to 11,441,000 pounds (5 190 000 kg) in January-March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Miscellaneous Food Preparations* (32-018, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Women's Clothing Factories, 1975 — Advance Information.

Women's clothing factories shipped \$847 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 13.5% to \$383.2 million, the number of employees increased 3.5% to 30,147 and total salaries and wages increased 17.4% to \$221.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Women's and Children's Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-217, 70¢).

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending May 7

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,958,683	2,371,003	5,329,686
Short tons, 1976	2,819,301	2,053,404	4,872,705
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 684 072	2 150 938	4 835 010
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 557 627	1 862 817	4 420 444
% change	4.9	15.5	9.4
Cars, 1977	45,360	35,966	81,326
Cars, 1976	45,758	31,349	77,107
% change	-0.9	14.7	5.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	175,256	58,563	233,819
Short tons, 1976	141,281	54,263	195,544
Metric tonnes, 1977	158 990	53 127	212 117
Metric tonnes, 1976	128 168	49 227	177 395
% change	24.0	7.9	19.6
Cars, 1977	5,421	2,514	7,935
Cars, 1976	4,667	2,232	6,899
% change	16.2	12.6	15.0
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	43,753,882	37,282,114	81,035,996**
Short tons, 1976	42,235,479	33,741,732	75,977,211
Metric tonnes, 1977	39 692 854	33 821 765	73 514 619
Metric tonnes, 1976	38 315 382	30 609 984	68 925 366
% change	3.6	10.5	6.7
Cars, 1977	718,671	564,781	1,283,452**
Cars, 1976	717,476	524,119	1,241,595
% change	0.2	7.8	3.4
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	2,859,738	1,032,948	3,892,686**
Short tons, 1976	2,319,083	861,694	3,180,777
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 594 311	937 075	3 531 386
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 103 837	781 716	2 885 553
% change	23.3	19.9	22.4
Cars, 1977	87,167	44,724	131,891**
Cars, 1976	77,641	36,592	114,233
% change	12.3	22.2	15.5

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

**Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended May 7, 1977 —
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Railways in Canada loaded 5.3 million short tons of revenue freight (4.8 million t) in the first week of May, an increase of 9.4% over the same seven days in 1976. Eastern loadings rose 4.9% and Western loadings increased 15.5%. The total number of cars loaded at 81,326 was up 5.5%.

Piggyback (trailer-container) shipments showed a 19.6% gain in volume over the first week of May 1976.

From January 1 to May 7, 1977, rail freight loadings at 81.0 million short tons (73.5 million t) were 6.7% above the year-earlier level. Cumulative piggyback traffic was up 22.4% to 3.9 million short tons (3.5 million t).

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportations and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Fabric Glove Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Fabric glove manufacturers shipped \$10.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 3.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 8.6% to \$5.8 million, the number of employees decreased 24.5% to 454 and total salaries and wages decreased 4.3% to \$3.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Clothing Industries, 1975* (34-218, 70¢).

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Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, March 1977 (33-003, 30¢/\$3)

Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, April 1977 (32-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables — Monthly, March 1977 (32-011, 30¢/\$3)

Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, March 1977 (26-007, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletin:

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 10, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, December 1976

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, April 1977.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time-period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPI's show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately; for reference see footnote to tables.

From March to April, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from 0.3% in Montreal to 1.5% in Thunder Bay. Higher food prices — notably for fresh produce, coffee, fresh milk, butter and bread — along with increased shelter charges were major contributors to these increases. Other important factors included higher prices for children's clothing (in the province of Quebec), automobile repairs, dental care fees and tobacco and alcohol products.

St. John's

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.5%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.5%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce and coffee; increased clothing and footwear prices. Shelter charges and prices for cigarettes and liquor also up.

Halifax

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.4%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.0%.

Main contributors: higher electricity rates and increased shelter charges. Prices also up for automobile registration fees, cigarettes and liquor.

Saint John

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.8%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.5%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and higher shelter charges. Dental care fees also up. Prices up for fresh vegetables, bread, coffee and liquor consumed at home.

Quebec City

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.7%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.4%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee and beef. Prices also up for children's wear and tobacco products.

Montreal

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.3%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.1%.

Main contributors: increased prices for children's wear; higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee and soft drinks. Automobile repair charges, dental fees and cigarette prices also up.

Ottawa

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.5%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.4%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, fresh milk, butter and coffee; increased prices for clothing, liquor and cigarettes. Dentists' fees up while automobile insurance premiums lower.

Toronto

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.7%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.4%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, fresh milk, beef, coffee and sugar; higher water rates. Prices also up for clothing, cigarettes, liquor and dental care fees.

Thunday Bay

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.5%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.8%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, fresh milk and soft drinks consumed at home; increased local transit fares; cigarette and liquor prices also up.

Winnipeg

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.8%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.3%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, butter and bread; increased water rates and higher shelter charges. Clothing prices, automobile registration fees and automobile repair charges also up.

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Saskatoon

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.0%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.6%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, fresh milk, and bread; increased automobile registration fees and repair charges. Higher prices for alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and clothing also recorded.

Regina

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.9%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 10.0%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, meat, fresh milk and coffee; increased automobile registration fees and repair charges. Prices also up for alcoholic beverages and clothing.

Edmonton

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.7%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 9.3%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, coffee and restaurant meals. Prices also up for dental care and automobile repairs.

Calgary

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.2%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.8%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce and beef; higher prices for domestic gas and increased shelter charges. Prices also up for dental care fees and automobile repairs.

Vancouver

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.8%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 6.5%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, bread and restaurant meals. Prices also up for gasoline, automobile repairs, liquor consumed at home and dental care fees.

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Census Farms by Size, Area and Use of Land, 1976

Total land area used by Canadian farmers on census farms (which have sales of \$1,200 or more) in 1976 was 166 million acres, an increase of 5.5 million acres over 1971. Area of small holdings (which have sales under \$1,200) dropped from 9 to 3 million acres.

Area of improved land on census farms increased to 108 million from 104 million acres while area under crops rose to 69 million from 66 million acres.

Acreages on small agricultural holdings under crops declined to 750,000 from 2,600,000 acres.

There was little change in the five years to 1976 on land under improved pasture or summer fallow. The 1976 Census of Agriculture reported 9,700,000 acres for improved pasture and 26,900,000 acres for summer fallow.

The number of farms of 1,120 acres size and over increased by 11% to 34,300.

For further information, order *Census-farms by Size, Area and Use of Land* (96-854, \$3), or contact R. Cinq-Mars (613-994-9855), Census of Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Dairy Products Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The dairy products industry shipped \$2,612.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 25.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 15.7% to \$631.3 million, the number of employees increased 2.5% to 27,988 and total salaries and wages increased 18.7% to \$304.9 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Dairy Products Industry, 1975* (32-209, 70¢).

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, May 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of May amounted to 128.2 million pounds compared with 129.1 million last month and 106.2 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the May issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Miscellaneous Furniture and Fixtures Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of miscellaneous furniture and fixtures shipped \$394.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 8.1% to \$215.7 million, the number of employees decreased 3.4% to 12,856 and total salaries and wages increased 7.9% to \$121.6 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Furniture and Fixtures Manufacturers, 1975* (35-213, 70¢).

Folding Carton and Set-up Box Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of folding cartons and set-up boxes shipped \$307.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 2.4% to \$137.2 million, the number of employees decreased 3.6% to 7,512 and total salaries and wages increased 6.5% to \$77.1 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Folding Carton and Set-up Box Manufacturers, 1975* (36-214, 70¢).

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
St. John's								
April 1977 index	162.8	188.7	160.5	133.7	157.9	161.5	136.4	143.9
March 1977 index	162.0	187.5	160.2	131.9	157.7	160.3	136.0	141.8
% change from March 1977	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.7	0.3	1.5
% change from April 1976	7.5	7.3	9.6	7.1	7.8	6.0	2.9	3.0
Halifax								
April 1977 index	154.5	175.5	151.3	131.6	157.4	141.4	134.9	140.3
March 1977 index	152.4	175.5	147.0	130.9	156.0	141.4	134.7	136.2
% change from March 1977	1.4	0.0	2.9	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.1	3.0
% change from April 1976	8.0	6.8	10.3	6.0	8.6	6.7	4.0	7.3
Saint John								
April 1977 index	157.1	181.0	153.9	131.1	153.3	156.3	149.6	133.8
March 1977 index	155.8	180.1	151.5	130.3	152.7	154.9	149.3	133.0
% change from March 1977	0.8	0.5	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.6
% change from April 1976	7.5	5.8	10.2	6.2	6.5	6.3	5.7	7.5
Quebec City								
April 1977 index	153.6	179.1	146.1	134.8	153.8	145.4	139.8	141.3
March 1977 index	152.6	177.0	145.8	133.4	153.4	144.8	139.5	139.5
% change from March 1977	0.7	1.2	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.3
% change from April 1976	8.4	8.6	9.4	6.6	8.3	7.2	5.2	10.0
Montreal								
April 1977 index	154.7	178.2	142.4	144.9	155.6	149.9	144.3	142.7
March 1977 index	154.2	178.0	142.3	142.9	154.9	148.7	143.8	142.7
% change from March 1977	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.0
% change from April 1976	8.1	7.3	9.0	8.2	8.7	5.5	5.9	10.1
Ottawa								
April 1977 index	155.6	171.2	153.2	147.3	150.2	151.1	137.2	144.0
March 1977 index	154.9	169.4	152.9	145.8	150.9	149.6	136.7	142.8
% change from March 1977	0.5	1.1	0.2	1.0	-0.5	1.0	0.4	0.8
% change from April 1976	8.4	6.5	11.6	8.2	7.1	6.9	3.7	5.4
Toronto								
April 1977 index	154.7	174.4	149.7	136.6	150.8	159.7	141.1	142.3
March 1977 index	153.6	172.4	149.1	135.3	150.8	157.6	140.6	140.0
% change from March 1977	0.7	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.0	1.3	0.4	1.6
% change from April 1976	7.4	6.0	9.3	5.2	8.0	8.3	4.1	6.0
Thunder Bay								
April 1977 index	157.4	175.0	156.1	131.8	163.5	154.1	139.3	140.7
March 1977 index	155.1	171.0	155.4	129.6	158.8	152.8	138.3	138.1
% change from March 1977	1.5	2.3	0.5	1.7	3.0	0.9	0.7	1.9
% change from April 1976	7.8	6.4	9.5	5.9	10.2	7.9	4.4	6.6
Winnipeg								
April 1977 index	158.9	175.6	163.9	137.0	150.8	156.6	138.9	141.9
March 1977 index	157.6	173.4	162.9	136.0	149.6	155.9	138.4	141.4
% change from March 1977	0.8	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
% change from April 1976	8.3	6.3	12.0	6.0	7.1	6.1	5.8	10.2
Saskatoon**								
April 1977 index	154.8	174.1	151.0	141.2	146.8	146.5	152.3	145.1
March 1977 index	153.2	170.5	150.5	140.3	145.1	145.8	151.9	141.6
% change from March 1977	1.0	2.1	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.3	2.5
% change from April 1976	8.6	6.9	9.2	7.4	10.5	8.1	6.5	11.0
Regina**								
April 1977 index	156.1	169.9	155.0	138.8	149.9	152.6	155.9	146.1
March 1977 index	154.7	166.8	154.6	137.9	148.2	152.3	155.7	143.4
% change from March 1977	0.9	1.9	0.3	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.9
% change from April 1976	10.0	9.5	11.1	6.5	11.0	10.7	7.8	11.4

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Housing	Clothing	Transportation (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recreation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
Edmonton**								
April 1977 index	157.4	170.3	163.6	138.2	156.1	145.7	140.8	133.8
March 1977 index	156.3	167.4	163.2	138.0	156.2	142.0	140.4	133.1
% change from March 1977	0.7	1.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	2.6	0.3	0.5
% change from April 1976	9.3	9.7	11.7	5.7	9.2	7.4	7.4	4.4
Calgary**								
April 1977 index	156.0	169.5	157.4	141.9	153.7	149.9	142.9	136.0
March 1977 index	154.2	164.9	156.0	141.8	152.6	147.9	142.7	135.6
% change from March 1977	1.2	2.8	0.9	0.1	0.7	1.4	0.1	0.3
% change from April 1976	8.8	7.3	11.6	6.5	8.2	7.3	8.3	6.1
Vancouver								
April 1977 index	159.6	179.3	157.4	141.0	156.0	152.5	135.3	143.4
March 1977 index	158.4	176.8	156.9	140.5	155.0	151.5	135.1	142.2
% change from March 1977	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.8
% change from April 1976	6.5	6.0	10.0	4.9	3.7	4.6	3.7	5.5

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).

** These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supersede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-005).

Historical Comparison of All Agricultural Holdings,(1) 1971 and 1976, Canada

Item		Total, all agricultural holdings(1)		Small agricultural holdings(2) (sales under \$1,200)		Census-farms(3) (sales of \$1,200 or more)	
		1971	1976	1971	1976	1971	1976
Holdings — Total	number	366,128	338,578	66,260	38,460	299,868	300,118
Holdings classified by size:							
Under 3 acres	number	3,988	3,736	2,472	2,198	1,516	1,538
3-9 acres	number	10,228	10,366	5,574	5,322	4,654	5,044
10-69 acres	number	38,611	40,581	17,073	15,307	21,538	25,274
70-239 acres	number	127,551	108,970	30,318	13,198	97,233	95,772
240-399 acres	number	59,867	52,863	7,192	1,748	52,675	51,115
400-559 acres	number	35,821	31,571	2,023	426	33,798	31,145
560-759 acres	number	28,970	26,616	945	164	28,025	26,452
760-1,119 acres	number	29,998	29,514	435	63	29,563	29,451
1,120-1,599 acres	number	16,753	17,909	155	20	16,598	17,889
1,600 acres and over	number	14,341	16,452	73	14	14,268	16,438
Areas							
Total area of holdings	acres	169,668,614	169,086,823	9,210,037	3,110,563	160,458,577	165,976,260
Improved land	acres	108,148,877	109,286,447	4,418,075	1,283,020	103,730,802	108,003,427
Under crops(4)	acres	68,765,678	70,039,365	2,625,273	746,642	66,140,405	69,292,723
Improved pasture	acres	10,225,464	10,041,192	783,452	293,975	9,442,012	9,747,217
Summer fallow	acres	26,740,727	26,983,659	699,536	114,943	26,041,191	26,868,716
Other improved land	acres	2,417,008	2,222,231	309,814	127,460	2,107,194	2,094,771
Unimproved land	acres	61,519,737	59,800,376	4,791,962	1,827,543	56,727,775	57,972,833
Woodland	acres	11,514,171	10,790,364	1,933,645	949,366	9,580,526	9,840,998
Other unimproved land	acres	50,005,566	49,010,012	2,858,317	878,177	47,147,249	48,131,835

(1) Defined as a census-farm in the 1971 Census of Agriculture.

(2) Classified as "small agricultural holdings" in the 1976 Census of Agriculture due to the low value of agricultural products sold.

(3) Defined as a census-farm in the 1976 Census of Agriculture (see Introduction).

(4) Includes field, vegetable, fruit and nursery crop land.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

May 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	May 13/77 This week	May 6/77 Week ago	Apr. 15/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	99.8	100.2	101.4
Industrials	85	98.8	99.8	101.7
Foods	9	87.7	87.2	85.3
Alcoholic beverages	5	73.4	74.2	78.1
Textiles and clothing	3	110.4	109.9	109.1
Pulp and paper	7	127.2	129.5	133.9
Printing and publishing	5	98.5	98.2	100.9
Primary metals	4	104.1	105.1	106.0
Industrial mines	6	89.8	91.5	93.6
Metal fabricating	9	194.6	189.9	187.5
Non-metallic minerals	4	87.9	87.3	87.4
Petroleum	8	93.9	95.3	97.6
Chemicals	5	104.3	105.7	108.1
Construction	5	234.7	231.3	221.9
Trade	15	78.3	79.4	81.1
Utilities and services	28	97.3	96.5	95.2
Transportation	6	129.4	129.0	127.6
Pipelines	5	86.5	86.6	84.1
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	98.4	97.5	98.8
Telephone	4	99.7	97.6	97.9
Electric power	3	120.5	119.1	117.4
Gas distribution	5	74.1	73.5	71.4
Finances	21	108.7	108.2	109.3
Banks	8	110.7	110.7	112.0
Investment and loan	9	103.5	101.5	102.3
Insurance	4	106.4	106.2	105.9
Mining Index	17	112.3	112.5	113.3
Golds	9	205.0	206.2	209.2
Base metals	8	67.9	67.6	67.3
Uraniums	2	183.9	186.6	178.6
Primary oils and gas index	5	104.7	104.8	105.9

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers' shipments in March, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8,741.6 million, up 0.7% from the revised February value of \$8,678.7 million. Durable goods shipments rose 2.7% to \$4,075.6 million from \$3,968.4 million while non-durable goods shipments dropped 0.9% to \$4,666.0 million from \$4,710.3 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$9,129.3 million in March, 3.8% higher than the revised February value of \$8,793.5 million. Durable goods new orders rose 8.8% to \$4,451.8 million from \$4,092.3 million. Non-durable goods new orders dropped 0.5% to \$4,677.5 million from \$4,701.2 million.

Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$9,869.2 million, 4.1% higher than the revised February value of \$9,481.5 million.

Total inventory owned in March, seasonally adjusted, rose 0.9% to \$17,204.8 million from the \$17,055.7 million (revised) estimate for February. Total inventory held, seasonally adjusted, also rose 0.9% from the revised previous month, with increases of 3.3% and 0.1% in raw materials and finished products and a decrease of 1.8% in goods in process.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments in March was 1.97:1, the same as that as revised for February. The finished products to shipments ratio for March at 0.69:1 was also unchanged from the revised February level.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in March were estimated at \$9,285.8 million, 13.1% higher than the revised February value of \$8,213.6 million. Cumulative shipments for the first quarter of 1977 were estimated at \$25,472.6 million, 9.4% higher than the corresponding 1976 value of \$23,273.8 million.

For further information, order the March issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1973 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	Mar. 1977p	Feb. 1977r	Jan. 1977	Mar. 1976
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments: Total	9,285.8	8,213.6	7,973.2	8,546.8
Non-durable	4,811.8	4,466.2	4,283.4	4,467.3
Durable	4,474.0	3,747.5	3,689.8	4,079.5
New Orders: Total	9,605.1	8,329.6	8,210.7	8,433.7
Non-durable	4,844.8	4,458.0	4,341.3	4,471.5
Durable	4,760.3	3,871.6	3,869.4	3,962.2
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,879.5	9,560.2	9,444.2	9,887.8
Non-durable	1,349.6	1,316.5	1,324.7	1,261.6
Durable	8,529.9	8,243.6	8,119.5	8,626.2
Inventory Owned: Total	17,501.5	17,228.9	16,961.5	16,265.9
Inventory Held: Total	18,349.2	18,064.6	17,871.0	17,049.1
Raw materials	7,356.1	7,189.2	7,297.5	6,924.1
Goods in process	4,735.2	4,745.8	4,685.0	4,554.4
Finished Products	6,257.9	6,129.6	5,888.5	5,570.6
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Shipments: Total	8,741.6	8,678.7	8,697.5	8,089.3
Non-durable	4,666.0	4,710.3	4,657.7	4,359.7
Durable	4,075.6	3,968.4	4,039.8	3,729.6
New Orders: Total	9,129.3	8,793.5	8,888.8	8,008.5
Non-durable	4,677.5	4,701.2	4,692.5	4,361.1
Durable	4,451.8	4,092.3	4,196.3	3,647.4
Unfilled Orders: Total	9,869.2	9,481.5	9,366.7	9,841.1
Non-durable	1,341.2	1,329.7	1,338.8	1,270.4
Durable	8,528.0	8,151.8	8,027.9	8,570.7
Inventory Owned: Total	17,204.8	17,055.7	16,837.4	16,063.4
Inventory Held: Total	18,044.6	17,891.4	17,761.2	16,838.3
Raw materials	7,410.6	7,176.7	7,222.9	6,984.8
Goods in process	4,637.2	4,721.1	4,674.7	4,483.8
Finished products	5,996.8	5,993.6	5,863.6	5,369.7
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	1.97	1.97	1.94	1.99
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.69	0.69	0.67	0.66

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Seasonally Adjusted					
	Mar. 1977p	Feb. 1977r	% change	Jan.-Mar. 1977p	Jan.-Mar. 1976	% change
	(\$ millions)			(\$ millions)		
Newfoundland	53.7	49.0	9.7	150.3	147.0	2.3
Nova Scotia	193.1	186.6	3.5	563.5	510.6	10.4
New Brunswick	161.0	144.6	11.4	449.6	439.5	2.3
Quebec	2,371.3	2,141.6	10.7	6,563.8	6,145.4	6.8
Ontario	4,883.0	4,235.9	15.3	13,250.8	11,924.3	11.1
Manitoba	244.4	217.9	12.1	663.4	632.1	4.9
Saskatchewan	90.7	88.5	2.4	266.0	246.0	8.1
Alberta	444.2	419.7	5.9	1,265.6	1,158.2	9.3
British Columbia	836.0	721.4	15.9	2,274.7	2,043.9	11.3
Canada*	9,285.8	8,213.6	13.1	25,472.6	23,273.8	9.4

*Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

Building Permits

March 1977 — Advance Information

	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial (\$000)	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
Newfoundland	35	50	85	1,935	8	1,566	3,285	6,794
Prince Edward Island	73	5	78	1,991	1,536	72	1,400	4,999
Nova Scotia	247	450	697	16,495	519	5,326	1,877	24,217
New Brunswick	63	66	129	3,469	197	937	358	4,961
Quebec	3,300	2,690	5,990	149,520	7,810	28,778	68,949	255,057
Ontario	2,342	5,180	7,522	242,365	34,709	54,394	32,343	363,811
Manitoba	343	542	885	26,359	1,118	12,965	1,785	42,227
Saskatchewan	437	1,103	1,540	34,354	624	5,348	276	40,602
Alberta	1,466	3,589	4,055	113,656	9,293	39,915	9,797	172,661
British Columbia	1,599	1,065	2,664	88,698	3,529	19,191	10,764	122,182
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	5	—	5	253	—	243	65	561
Canada — Unadjusted	9,910	13,740	23,650	679,095	59,343	168,735	130,899	1,038,072
Canada — Adjusted	9,744	12,970	22,714	686,301	84,127	148,822	128,622	1,047,872
Metropolitan Areas	5,245	10,451	15,696	449,631	37,313	119,126	106,998	713,068
Calgary	465	1,454	1,919	42,614	298	15,461	762	59,135
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	110	70	180	5,327	172	2,318	30	7,847
Edmonton	318	614	932	31,726	930	15,252	5,238	53,146
Halifax	85	388	473	10,149	122	4,355	903	15,529
Hamilton	137	91	228	7,985	1,270	1,408	452	11,115
Hull	45	36	81	2,176	—	673	25	2,874
Kitchener	119	38	157	6,096	677	598	495	7,866
London	141	106	247	6,213	867	2,054	309	9,443
Montréal	1,241	1,474	2,715	66,193	4,690	10,678	62,208	143,769
Ottawa	52	107	159	6,260	92	3,921	3,754	14,027
Québec	337	196	533	16,216	86	8,330	468	25,100
Regina	181	280	461	10,884	327	892	75	12,178
St. Catharines-Niagara	167	144	311	9,570	730	1,459	169	11,928
Saint-John	4	1	5	439	102	221	98	860
St. John's	8	—	8	344	—	1,370	3,243	4,957
Saskatoon	141	659	800	14,111	70	2,399	103	16,683
Sudbury	58	74	132	3,988	38	2,572	96	6,694
Thunder Bay	37	—	37	1,709	4	631	356	2,700
Toronto	539	3,221	3,760	128,253	20,745	21,345	21,150	191,493
Vancouver	614	399	1,013	35,162	1,478	7,641	3,614	47,895
Victoria	84	458	542	15,287	258	2,519	1,487	19,551
Windsor	121	186	307	7,561	3,287	550	1,011	12,409
Winnipeg	241	455	696	21,368	1,070	12,479	952	35,869

*Preliminary figures.*For further information order *Building Permits*, March 1977 (64-001, 70¢/\$7).**Building Permits, March 1977 — Advance Information.**

The value of building permits, seasonally adjusted, rose 7.8% to \$1,048 million in March from a revised \$972 million in February. In March 1976, the corresponding figure was \$1,015 million.

Residential permits increased to \$686 million (\$562 million in February) and institutional projects rose to \$129 million (\$100 million). There were decreases in other non-residential categories: industrial \$84 million (\$99 million); and commercial \$149 million (\$211 million).

Permits for new dwellings picked up in March, reflecting an annual rate of 272,600 units compared to 218,300 in February. Single-detached houses rose to an annual rate of 117,000 (92,900) and multiple dwellings to an annual rate of 155,600 (125,400).

For further information, order the March issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976 4th Qtr.	1977 1st Qtr.	% Change
Index of Industrial Production	29.497	120.4	122.6	1.8
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.7	114.3	0.6
Metal mines	1.584	108.0	112.9	4.6
Mineral fuels	1.492	119.0	114.7	-3.6
Non-metal mines (except coal mines)	.363	125.2	129.7	3.6
Manufacturing industries	22.862	118.6	120.9	1.9
Food and beverage industries	3.254	110.0	113.6	3.2
Tobacco products industries	.212	106.6	119.7	12.4
Rubber and plastics products industries	.650	152.3	149.0	-2.2
Leather industries	.206	97.5	93.8	-3.8
Textile industries	.756	108.3	108.1	-0.1
Knitting mills	.205	101.3	100.6	-0.6
Clothing industries	.742	110.6	110.4	-0.2
Wood industries	.968	132.0	134.1	1.6
Furniture and fixture industries	.420	112.3	111.6	-0.6
Paper and allied industries	1.878	117.5	117.4	—
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1.123	116.8	117.8	0.8
Primary metal industries	1.976	98.9	108.9	10.2
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries)	1.887	120.1	121.5	1.2
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery)	1.008	133.1	132.6	-0.3
Transportation equipment industries	2.571	129.0	133.7	3.7
Electrical products industries	1.631	118.2	115.1	-2.7
Non-metallic mineral products industries	.905	117.2	115.7	-1.3
Petroleum and coal products industries	.394	126.4	136.7	8.1
Chemical and chemical products industries	1.363	135.8	140.6	3.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	.713	111.7	112.1	0.4
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	143.6	146.9	2.3
Special industry groupings:				
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	117.5	119.5	1.7
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	119.8	122.4	2.2

Index of Industrial Production, March 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production decreased 0.1% to 122.4 in March from 122.5 in February. Manufacturing increased during March, while mining and utilities decreased.

For further information, order the March issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976 Dec.	1977 Jan.	1977 Feb.	1977 Mar.	% Change
Index of Industrial Production	29.497	121.5	122.8	122.5	122.4	-0.1
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.8	114.8	115.0	113.1	-1.7
Metal mines	1.584	104.2	116.3	111.5	110.9	-0.5
Mineral fuels	1.492	123.1	111.4	117.6	115.2	-2.0
Non-metal mines (except coal mines)	.363	125.7	133.8	132.4	123.0	-7.1
Manufacturing industries	22.862	119.8	120.9	120.7	121.2	0.4
Food and beverage industries	3.254	109.9	112.6	114.0	114.1	0.1
Tobacco products industries	.212	113.2	122.5	118.7	118.0	-0.6
Rubber and plastics products industries	.650	151.5	152.9	148.5	145.5	-2.0
Leather industries	.206	94.9	97.3	94.2	89.8	-4.7
Textile industries	.756	110.2	108.4	108.4	107.6	-0.7
Knitting mills	.205	101.1	101.7	100.3	99.9	-0.4
Clothing industries	.742	109.8	110.7	110.5	110.1	-0.4
Wood industries	.968	132.1	137.4	131.1	133.9	2.1
Furniture and fixture industries	.420	112.4	112.2	111.1	111.5	0.4
Paper and allied industries	1.878	113.2	118.1	118.1	116.1	-1.7
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1.123	117.4	118.5	117.8	117.0	-0.7
Primary metal industries	1.976	101.3	107.5	107.5	111.8	4.0
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries)	1.887	120.7	120.7	121.8	121.9	0.1
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery)	1.008	134.1	132.6	132.6	132.7	0.1
Transportation equipment industries	2.571	138.1	133.1	132.5	135.6	2.3
Electrical products industries	1.631	116.9	115.7	115.4	114.2	-1.0
Non-metallic mineral products industries	.905	117.6	115.2	114.5	117.3	2.4
Petroleum and coal products industries	.394	133.1	136.5	139.3	134.3	-3.6
Chemical and chemical products industries	1.363	136.5	139.9	140.0	141.9	1.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	.713	111.2	111.3	112.6	112.5	-0.1
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	146.4	148.4	147.3	145.0	-1.6
Special industry groupings:						
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	117.2	119.6	119.8	119.1	-0.6
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	122.3	122.2	121.6	123.4	1.5

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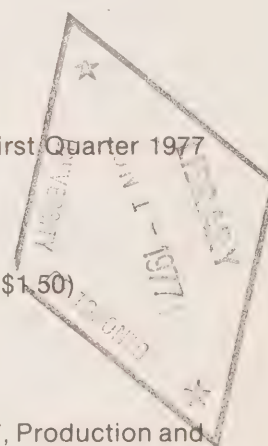
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Electric Power Statistics, January 1977 — Advance Information.

In January, net generation increased to 30.8 TW.h from 27.5 TW.h in January 1976.

Hydro generation increased 3.9% while thermal production increased 31.0%.

For further information, order the January issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Radio Air-Time Sales, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$4.9 million in February, a decrease of 2.0% from \$5.0 million in February 1976. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$4.2 million, down 2.3% from \$4.3 million.

Net local air-time sales rose 11.1% to \$12.0 million in February from \$10.8 million a year earlier.

Gross year-to-date radio air-time sales for 1977 were reported at \$34.2 million compared to \$30.5 million for 1976, an increase of 12.1%. Net sales rose 12.6% to \$32.1 million from \$28.5 million.

For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Crude petroleum production for February was 1,504,000 barrels/day, up 9.1% from 1,378,000 B/D in February 1976.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,631,000 Mcf./D, a decrease of 0.05% from 10,637,000 Mcf./D.

For further information, order the February issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended May 21, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 21 was 284,509 short tons (258 102 t), an increase of 1.1% from the preceding week's total of 281,328 short tons (255 216 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 289,732 tons (262 840 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 155.3 in the current week, 153.5 a week earlier and 158.1 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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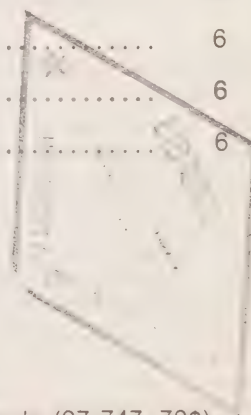
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New Motor Vehicle Sales, March 1977 (63-007, 30¢/\$3)

Service Trades, Business Establishments, 1971 Census of Canada (97-747, 70¢)

Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin, May 1977 (62-007, 40¢/\$4)

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Footwear Statistics, March 1977 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)**Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs, April 1, 1977 (23-005, \$1.40 per year)****Unemployment Insurance Statistics**

	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976	% Change From	
				Feb. 1977	Mar. 1976
Benefits					
Gross amount (\$000)	428,029	379,067	398,887	13	7
Net amount (1) (\$000)	426,214	377,563	397,096	13	7
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,245	3,734	4,295	14	-1
Average weekly benefit (\$)	100.83	101.51	92.88	-1	9
Claims received (000)	211	200	201	6	5
Beneficiaries (000)	897p	913p	876	-2	2

	To Date		% Change From	
	1977	1976	3 Months	1977/1976
Benefits				
Gross amount (\$000)	1,204,127	1,085,760		11
Net amount (1) (\$000)	1,198,935	1,080,831		11
Weeks of benefit (000)	11,927	11,754		1
Average weekly benefits (\$)	100.95	92.37		9
Claims received (000)	678	668		1
Beneficiaries (000)	901(2)p	887(2)		2

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.

(2) Monthly average
p Preliminary figures

For further information, order the March 1977 issue of *Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-p) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, Quarterly, \$1.05/\$4.20) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Preliminary Report on Unemployment Insurance Statistics, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Some 897,000* claimants were in receipt of unemployment insurance benefit in March, a decrease of 2% from February but 2% more than in March 1976. Six percent of the beneficiaries reported some earnings from employment.

A total of \$426 million* was paid in net unemployment insurance benefits in March, 13% greater than in February and 7% more than a year earlier. Net benefits paid in 1977 to date amounted to \$1,199 million compared with \$1,081 million in the first quarter of 1976, an increase of 11%. The average weekly benefit (based on the three months) reached \$100.95, 9% higher than the previous year.

Claims received by U.I.C. offices in March were 211,000, 6% more than in February. The same

percentage rise was recorded between February and March 1976. For the first three months of 1977, the claim load totalled 678,000, about 1% more than in the same period of 1976.

* The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

Real Domestic Product, March 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product at 125.5 in March remained unchanged from the February level. The index of industrial production declined 0.1%. Goods-producing industries decreased 0.3%, while service-producing industries increased 0.2%.

In the goods-producing industries, decreases were recorded in agriculture, construction, mining and utilities. The decline in construction was due mostly to decreased residential building activity. Lower levels of livestock and dairy production accounted for the decrease in agriculture. In mining, metal mines, mineral fuels and non-metal mines each had decreases. Mineral fuels registered the most significant decline due to decreased output of coal and crude petroleum. Production of natural gas increased. Utilities were down due to a decline in electric power output. Manufacturing, forestry and fishing and trapping increased in March. In manufacturing, most of the increase occurred in durables manufacturing, with significant increases in wood products, primary metals, transportation equipment and non-metallic mineral products industries. Non-durables manufacturing recorded widespread declines, the most notable being in the paper and allied products industries. Favorable weather and export demand are cited as factors for the significant increase in forestry output during March.

In the service-producing industries, increases were recorded in transportation, storage and communication, finance, insurance and real estate, community, business and personal services and public administration and defence. Railway transport, air transport, bus transport and urban transit systems were mainly responsible for the advance in transportation. Trade declined in March with both wholesale and retail trade showing decreases. In wholesale trade, wholesale merchants accounted for most of the decrease, while in retail trade, department stores, motor vehicle dealers and furniture, television, radio and appliance stores recorded the most significant declines.

1st Quarter of 1977

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased 1.0% to 125.5 in the first quarter of 1977 from 124.3 in the fourth quarter of 1976. The index of industrial production rose 1.8%. Goods-producing industries advanced 1.2%, while service-producing industries were up 0.9%.

In the goods-producing industries, forestry, fishing and trapping, construction, mining, utilities and manufacturing each registered increases in the first quarter. The gain in forestry resulted primarily from increased export demand. The increase in construction stemmed from non-residential building activity which rose significantly, while residential building activity showed a decline. In mining, increases were recorded in metal mines and non-metal mines. Mineral fuels declined due to lower levels of crude petroleum output. Utilities output increased as a result of a sharp increase in natural gas distribution. In manufacturing, both durables and non-durables manufacturing recorded increases. The major contributing industries were

food and beverages, tobacco products, petroleum and coal products, chemical and chemical products, primary metal products and transportation equipment.

In the service-producing industries, a majority of components advanced in the quarter. Trade was relatively unchanged from the fourth quarter of 1976. Within transportation, storage and communication, gains occurred in air transport, railway transport, urban transit systems and communication. In trade, wholesale trade increased significantly, while retail trade declined — food stores, department stores, clothing stores, hardware stores and drug stores all decreased. Motor vehicle dealers recorded the major increase in retail trade.

For further information, order the March issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

(see tables on pages 4 and 5)

Sales Financing, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales finance companies purchased \$225.9 million of retail finance paper in March, an increase of 2.3% compared with the \$220.8 million purchased in March 1976. The total purchases comprised \$60.1 million for passenger cars, \$28.9 million for other consumer goods, \$94.5 million for commercial vehicles and \$42.4 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the fourth quarter of 1976 amounted to \$2,027.4 million, an increase of 3.4% over the \$1,961.1 million financed during the fourth quarter of 1975.

For further information, order the March issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Paper and Plastic Bag Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of paper and plastic bags shipped \$352.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 5.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 10.7% to \$139.0 million, the number of employees decreased 3.9% to 6,653 and total salaries and wages increased 5.5% to \$69.1 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Paper and Plastic Bag Manufacturers, 1975* (36-207, 70¢).

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976 4th Qtr.	1977 1st Qtr.	% Change
Real Domestic Product	100.000	124.3	125.5	1.0
Agriculture	3.371	93.9	86.7	-7.6
Forestry	.715	114.3	118.0	3.2
Fishing and Trapping	.181	82.9	85.7	3.3
Mines (Including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.7	114.3	0.6
Manufacturing industries	22.862	118.6	120.9	1.9
Construction industry	6.990	114.0	115.9	1.7
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	131.6	134.7	2.3
Transportation	5.874	122.0	125.4	2.8
Air transport and services incidental to air transport	.679	173.1	186.8	8.0
Railway transport	1.700	113.9	117.1	2.8
Bus transport, interurban and rural	.089	126.7	126.1	-0.4
Urban transit systems	.250	116.2	119.5	2.9
Pipeline transport	.489	131.3	127.0	-3.2
Storage	.258	93.6	93.5	-0.1
Grain elevators	.177	85.5	86.3	0.9
Communication	2.964	153.9	156.6	1.8
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	143.6	146.9	2.3
Trade	11.367	134.3	134.5	0.1
Wholesale trade	4.509	124.2	126.5	1.9
Wholesale merchants	3.242	125.6	127.8	1.8
Retail trade	6.858	141.0	139.8	-0.9
Food stores	1.368	118.1	113.3	-4.1
General merchandise stores	1.562	141.5	140.0	-1.1
Department stores	.927	163.6	161.8	-1.1
Other general merchandise stores	.635	109.2	108.0	-1.0
Motor vehicle dealers	.697	156.9	162.6	3.7
Clothing stores	.462	135.6	130.5	-3.7
Hardware stores	.098	121.4	116.7	-3.9
Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores	.177	145.3	145.7	0.3
Drug stores	.290	173.1	169.5	-2.1
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	131.3	132.6	1.0
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	126.2	127.1	0.7
Education and related services	6.509	114.6	116.5	1.6
Health and welfare services	5.272	130.4	131.7	1.0
Amusement and recreation services	.427	151.3	149.1	-1.5
Services to business management	2.311	134.7	134.9	0.2
Personal services	1.000	107.1	107.4	0.3
Accommodation and food services	2.799	138.9	138.9	—
Public administration and defence	7.388	124.6	125.3	0.5
Special groupings:				
Index of industrial production	29.497	120.4	122.6	1.8
Real domestic product less agriculture	96.629	125.4	126.9	1.2
Goods-producing industries	40.754	116.8	118.2	1.2
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	37.383	118.9	121.0	1.8
Service-producing industries	59.246	129.4	130.5	0.9
Commercial industries	81.341	125.5	126.8	1.0
Commercial industries less agriculture	77.970	126.9	128.6	1.3
Non-commercial industries	18.659	118.7	119.8	1.0
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	117.5	119.5	1.7
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	119.8	122.4	2.2

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1976 Dec.	1977 Jan.	1977 Feb.	1977 Mar.	% Change
Real Domestic Product	100.000	125.0	125.5	125.5	125.5	—
Agriculture	3.371	94.1	88.9	86.5	84.8	-2.0
Forestry	.715	117.3	115.1	112.7	126.1	11.9
Fishing and Trapping	.181	77.5	78.4	85.3	93.3	9.4
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	113.8	114.8	115.0	113.1	-1.7
Manufacturing industries	22.862	119.8	120.9	120.7	121.2	0.4
Construction industry	6.990	115.1	116.7	116.7	114.3	-2.1
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	132.1	133.5	134.7	135.8	0.8
Transportation	5.874	122.9	123.8	124.9	127.6	2.2
<i>Air transport and services incidental to air transport</i>	<i>.679</i>	<i>180.6</i>	<i>186.0</i>	<i>186.4</i>	<i>188.1</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Railway transport</i>	<i>1.700</i>	<i>113.1</i>	<i>112.4</i>	<i>116.2</i>	<i>122.8</i>	<i>5.7</i>
<i>Bus transport, interurban and rural</i>	<i>.089</i>	<i>123.9</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>127.3</i>	<i>133.0</i>	<i>4.5</i>
<i>Urban transit systems</i>	<i>.250</i>	<i>113.9</i>	<i>121.8</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>118.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>Pipeline transport</i>	<i>.489</i>	<i>134.2</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>127.2</i>	<i>126.8</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Storage	.258	87.5	84.8	102.9	92.8	-9.8
<i>Grain elevators</i>	<i>.177</i>	<i>76.6</i>	<i>73.1</i>	<i>99.4</i>	<i>86.3</i>	<i>-13.2</i>
Communication	2.964	154.2	157.1	156.9	155.8	-0.7
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	146.4	148.4	147.3	145.0	-1.6
Trade	11.367	135.6	135.5	134.4	133.7	-0.5
<i>Wholesale trade</i>	<i>4.509</i>	<i>124.7</i>	<i>126.1</i>	<i>126.9</i>	<i>126.5</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Wholesale merchants</i>	<i>3.242</i>	<i>125.5</i>	<i>126.6</i>	<i>128.6</i>	<i>128.2</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Retail trade</i>	<i>6.858</i>	<i>142.7</i>	<i>141.7</i>	<i>139.3</i>	<i>138.3</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
<i>Food stores</i>	<i>1.368</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>114.3</i>	<i>112.1</i>	<i>113.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>
<i>General merchandise stores</i>	<i>1.562</i>	<i>140.6</i>	<i>142.5</i>	<i>139.5</i>	<i>137.9</i>	<i>-1.1</i>
<i>Department stores</i>	<i>.927</i>	<i>164.0</i>	<i>165.4</i>	<i>161.8</i>	<i>158.3</i>	<i>-2.2</i>
<i>Other general merchandise stores</i>	<i>.635</i>	<i>106.5</i>	<i>109.1</i>	<i>107.0</i>	<i>108.0</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Motor vehicle dealers</i>	<i>.697</i>	<i>163.1</i>	<i>165.3</i>	<i>161.9</i>	<i>160.7</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
<i>Clothing stores</i>	<i>.462</i>	<i>140.5</i>	<i>134.3</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>128.5</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Hardware stores</i>	<i>.098</i>	<i>122.6</i>	<i>116.5</i>	<i>114.0</i>	<i>119.5</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores</i>	<i>.177</i>	<i>145.2</i>	<i>142.1</i>	<i>149.0</i>	<i>145.9</i>	<i>-2.1</i>
<i>Drug stores</i>	<i>.290</i>	<i>181.5</i>	<i>170.1</i>	<i>169.0</i>	<i>169.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	132.0	132.5	132.5	132.7	0.2
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	126.2	126.6	127.0	127.6	0.5
<i>Education and related services</i>	<i>6.509</i>	<i>114.7</i>	<i>115.5</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>117.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>Health and welfare services</i>	<i>5.272</i>	<i>130.9</i>	<i>131.2</i>	<i>131.7</i>	<i>132.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<i>Amusement and recreation services</i>	<i>.427</i>	<i>152.1</i>	<i>150.1</i>	<i>150.5</i>	<i>146.8</i>	<i>-2.5</i>
<i>Services to business management</i>	<i>2.311</i>	<i>134.8</i>	<i>134.5</i>	<i>135.2</i>	<i>135.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1.000</i>	<i>107.2</i>	<i>107.2</i>	<i>107.8</i>	<i>107.3</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
<i>Accommodation and food services</i>	<i>2.799</i>	<i>137.7</i>	<i>138.9</i>	<i>137.9</i>	<i>139.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>
Public administration and defence	7.388	124.7	124.6	125.3	125.9	0.5
Special groupings:						
<i>Index of industrial production</i>	<i>29.497</i>	<i>121.5</i>	<i>122.8</i>	<i>122.5</i>	<i>122.4</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Real domestic product less agriculture</i>	<i>96.629</i>	<i>126.1</i>	<i>126.8</i>	<i>126.9</i>	<i>127.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Goods-producing industries</i>	<i>40.754</i>	<i>117.9</i>	<i>118.6</i>	<i>118.2</i>	<i>117.9</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Goods-producing industries less agriculture</i>	<i>37.383</i>	<i>120.0</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>121.0</i>	<i>120.8</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Service-producing industries</i>	<i>59.246</i>	<i>129.9</i>	<i>130.3</i>	<i>130.5</i>	<i>130.8</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<i>Commercial industries</i>	<i>81.341</i>	<i>126.4</i>	<i>127.0</i>	<i>126.8</i>	<i>126.7</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Commercial industries less agriculture</i>	<i>77.970</i>	<i>127.8</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>128.5</i>	<i>128.5</i>	<i>—</i>
<i>Non-commercial industries</i>	<i>18.659</i>	<i>118.8</i>	<i>119.1</i>	<i>119.9</i>	<i>120.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Non-durable manufacturing industries</i>	<i>11.496</i>	<i>117.2</i>	<i>119.6</i>	<i>119.8</i>	<i>119.1</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
<i>Durable manufacturing industries</i>	<i>11.366</i>	<i>122.3</i>	<i>122.2</i>	<i>121.6</i>	<i>123.4</i>	<i>1.5</i>

Clay Products Manufacturers (Domestic Clays), 1975 — Advance Information.

Clay products manufacturers (domestic clay) shipped \$84.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 12.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 15.9% to \$59.7 million, the number of employees decreased 1.5% to 2,945 and total salaries and wages increased 8.8% to \$30.7 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Clay Products Manufacturers (From Domestic Clays)*, 1975 (44-215, 70¢).

Non-commercial Trailer Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Non-commercial trailer manufacturers shipped \$459.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 17.0% to \$159.1 million, the number of employees decreased 0.5% to 9,385 and total salaries and wages increased 20.0% to \$88.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Truck Body and Trailer Manufacturers*, 1975 (42-217, 70¢).

Manufacturers of Lighting Fixtures, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of lighting fixtures shipped \$159.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 5.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 4.8% to \$72.2 million, the number of employees increased 0.9% to 3,980 and total salaries and wages increased 10.9% to \$35.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Lighting Fixtures*, 1975 (43-211, 70¢).

Truck Body Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Truck body manufacturers shipped \$197.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 16.4% to \$101.9 million, the number of employees decreased 4.2% to 5,428 and total salaries and wages increased 6.7% to \$55.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Truck Body and Trailer Manufacturers*, 1975 (42-217, 70¢).

Ophthalmic Goods Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Ophthalmic goods manufacturers shipped \$74.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 22.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 20.8% to \$50.7 million, the number of

employees remained unchanged at 3,758 and total salaries and wages increased 11.9% to \$31.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries*, 1975 (47-206, 70¢).

Salt, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 434,329 short tons in April from 465,345 short tons in April 1976. This brought 1977 output to 2,378,958 short tons from 2,388,278 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Asbestos, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 135,164 short tons in April from 134,598 short tons in April 1976. This brought 1977 shipments to 533,164 short tons from 546,318 in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal and Coke Statistics, March 1977 — Advance Information.

March coal production increased 17% to 3,130,326 tons (2 839 784 metric tonnes) from 2,675,641 tons (2 421 301 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports increased to 1,314,909 tons (1 192 865 metric tonnes) from 753,876 tons (683 905 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 2,376,700 tons (2 156 106 metric tonnes) of coal, up 427,618 tons (387 929 metric tonnes) and 512,520 tons (464 950 metric tonnes) of coke, up 18,268 tons (16 572 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the March issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,377,497,000 square feet (127 973 000 m²) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in April, a decrease of 11.1% from the 1,549,308,000 square feet (143 936 000 m²) in April 1976.

January-April shipments totalled 5,570,926,000 square feet (518 408 000 m²) compared to 5,721,869,000 square feet (531 579 000 m²) in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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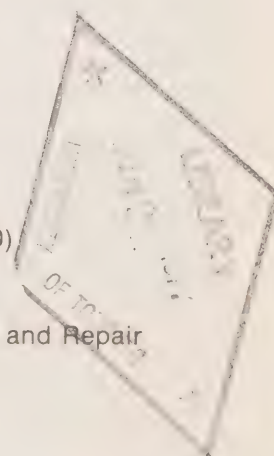
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Type of Organization and Size of Establishments, 1974 (31-210, \$1.40)

Service Bulletin:

Investment Statistics (61-007, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 3, No. 1, Capital and Repair Expenditures Manufacturing Sub-Industries Canada, 1975-1977



Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, April 1977 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

Following an advance of 14.5% in March, Canadian exports declined over 5% in April to \$3,777 million, seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis. Imports, in contrast, extended the increases of the previous two months, rising 4% to \$3,628 million. In falling from the unusually-high level of \$502 million in March, the merchandise trade surplus stood at \$149 million in April, a more normal balance for the recent period.

In a three-month comparison, exports increased 15% to \$11,250 million in the February-April 1977 period, while imports rose 9.5% to \$10,485 million. The merchandise trade surplus improved impressively to \$765 million from \$221 million in the months of November-January.

Exports (Customs Basis)

Following an increase of over 7% in March, seasonally-adjusted exports to the United States rose marginally in April to \$2,573 million. Shipments of metallic concentrates, petroleum and natural gas were higher, but exports of automotive goods and forestry products declined from the high levels of the preceding month.

Overseas shipments fell 13.5% to \$1,189 million from the unusually-large total for March. Exports decreased to all principal destinations, except Japan. Reductions in shipments were widespread, but with a concentration in metallic ores and non-ferrous metals. Newsprint exports increased in April.

In a three-month comparison, seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. advanced 10.8% to \$7,520 million in the February-April period. Motor vehicles and parts accounted for about half of the gain. Increases were also recorded in shipments of natural gas, lumber, pulp, liquefied gases, non-ferrous metals and machinery. Deliveries of crude oil fell, as did also shipments of metallic concentrates and newsprint.

After a rise of 23.5% over the last three months, Canadian exports to overseas destinations stood at \$3,663 million in the February-April period. As shipments declined to the European Economic Community, the increases were concentrated in Japan and, in particular, in the remaining countries. Led by a substantial rise in wheat shipments, increases encompassed many commodities including metallic concentrates, asbestos, pulp, newsprint, and other industrial materials. Exports of lumber and automotive goods declined.

Imports (Customs Basis)

After two months of near stability, seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. rose 6.5% to \$2,589 million in April, exceeding the \$2.5 billion level for the first time. Imports of coal, automotive parts, and transportation equipment (other than motor vehicles) were higher.

Imports from other countries declined 3.5% to \$1,085 million, with all overseas areas contributing, except Japan. Lower imports were recorded for machinery, transportation equipment, communication and office equipment and apparel. Landings of crude oil increased in April.

At \$7,440 million, imports from the U.S. in the latest three-month period were 9.9% above those for the November-January period. The contribution of motor vehicles and parts to the increase was important. Imports of other equipment and tools rose in the February-April period, as did also those of industrial materials and machinery.

Imports from overseas areas likewise recorded a 10% increase to \$3,196 million in February-April 1977. Rises in imports included commodity groups such as meat, crude oil, industrial materials and machinery, motor vehicle parts and office equipment. Imports of raw sugar declined.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the April issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

(see graph and tables on pages 3 to 11)

Key Economic Series

During the coming month, the release of key economic series data is expected to be in accordance with the schedule outlined below. It is possible, however, that some data may appear during the week earlier or the week later for reasons unknown at this time.

Week Beginning Monday, May 30

- Industry Selling Price Index (April)

Week Beginning Monday, June 6

- Wholesale Price Index (April)
- Consumer Price Index (May) June 10

Week Beginning Monday, June 13

- Index of Industrial Production (April)
- Gross National Product (January-March)
- Retail Trade (April)
- Labour Force Survey (May) June 15
- Wholesale Trade (April)

Week Beginning Monday, June 20

- Employment, Earnings and Hours (April)
- Consumer Credit (April)
- Real Domestic Product (April)
- Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities (May) June 21
- Inventories, Shipments and Orders (April)
- Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade (May) June 24

Week Beginning Monday, June 27

- Building Permits (April)
- Labour Income (March)
- Industry Selling Price Index (May)
- Industrial Corporations — Financial Statistics (January-March)

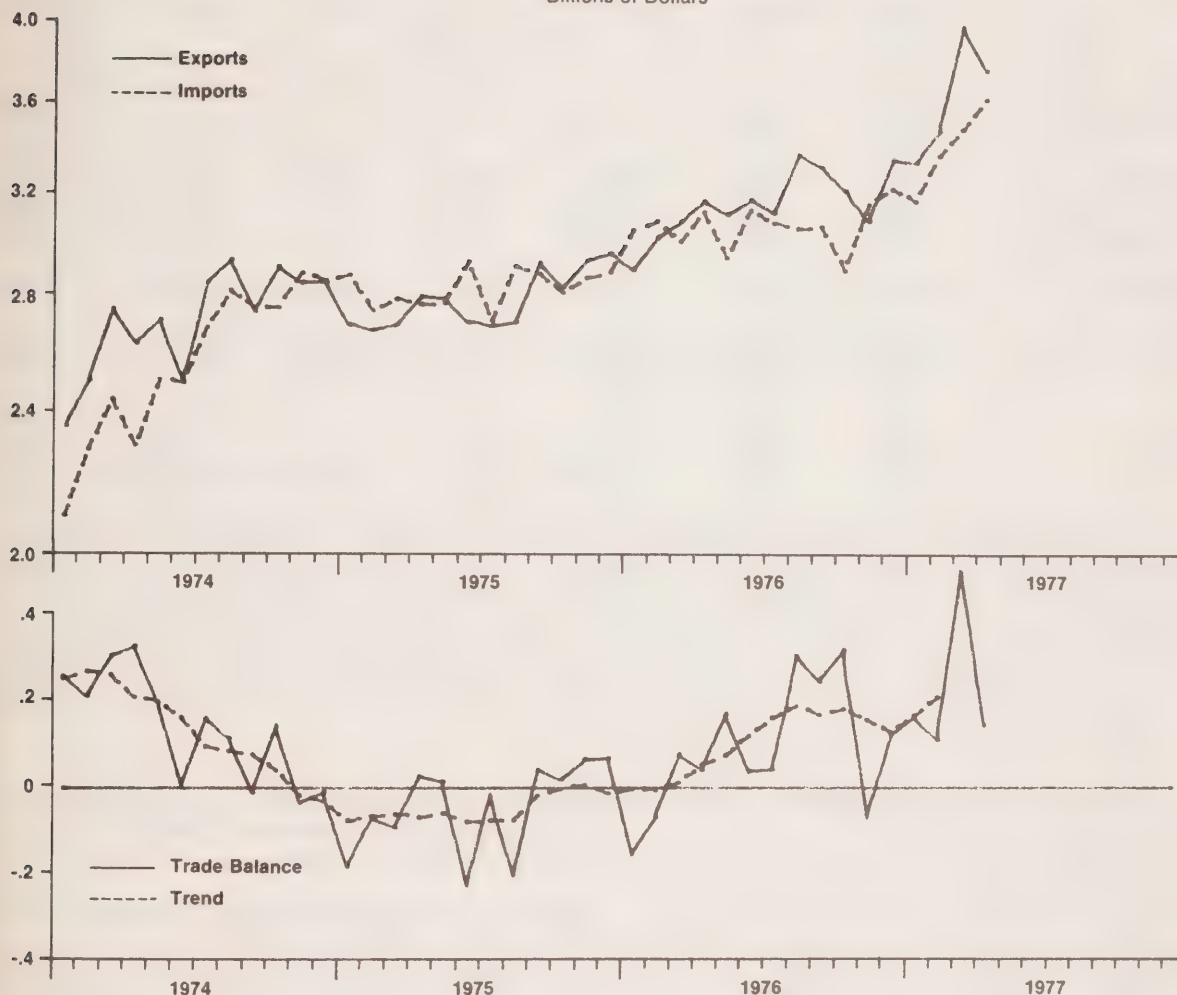
Aircraft and Aircraft Parts Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Aircraft and aircraft parts manufacturers shipped \$707.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 11.3% to \$438.0 million, the number of employees decreased 7.7% to 22,289 and total salaries and wages increased 7.9% to \$273.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Aircraft and Aircraft Parts Manufacturers, 1975* (42-203, 70¢).

EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars



Office and Store Machinery Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Office and store machinery manufacturers shipped \$372.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 1.9% to \$245.1 million, the number of employees decreased 15.0% to 9,690 and total salaries and wages decreased 6.1% to \$119.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Office and Store Machinery Manufacturers, 1975* (42-216, 70¢).

Railroad Rolling Stock Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The railroad rolling stock industry shipped \$559.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 26.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 27.1% to \$267.2 million, the number of employees increased 8.6% to 8,664 and total salaries and wages increased 21.6% to \$111.0 million.

For further information, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Railroad Rolling Stock Industry, 1975* (42-211, 70¢).

Merchandise Trade of Canada

	Customs Basis*		Balance of Payments Basis*				Trade Balance
	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted		
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports (\$ millions)	Exports	Imports	
1975							
Fourth Quarter	8,928	8,936	9,032	8,746	8,734	8,577	157
1976							
First Quarter	8,803	9,153	8,580	8,993	9,013	9,155	-142
Second Quarter	10,109	10,041	10,096	9,866	9,470	9,215	255
Third Quarter	9,359	8,727	9,289	8,575	9,820	9,220	600
Fourth Quarter	9,876	9,549	10,010	9,452	9,672	9,296	376
1977							
First Quarter	10,185	9,925	10,201	9,776	10,815	10,035	780
1976							
November	3,383	3,484	3,418	3,473	3,098	3,164	-66
December	3,297	3,072	3,340	3,031	3,352	3,229	123
1977							
January	3,135	3,003	3,100	2,958	3,342	3,178	164
February	3,217	3,183	3,212	3,140	3,483	3,369	114
March	3,834	3,739	3,889	3,678	3,990	3,488	502
April	3,477	3,528	3,492	3,482	3,777	3,628	149

*In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Miscellaneous Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

The miscellaneous machinery and equipment manufacturers shipped \$2,432.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 17.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 16.7% to \$1,377.1 million, the number of employees increased 6.2% to 62,221 and total salaries and wages increased 15.5% to \$707.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers, 1975* (42-214, 70¢).

Commercial Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Commercial refrigeration and air conditioning equipment manufacturers shipped \$164.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 6.4% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 7.4% to \$81.0 million, the number of employees decreased 3.7% to 3,807 and total salaries and wages increased 10.5% to \$44.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Com-

plete data will be published later in *Commercial Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment Manufacturers, 1975* (42-215, 70¢).

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for the first quarter of 1977 show that Canada earned \$187 million from international travel, compared to \$189 million the previous year. At the same time, Canadians spent \$992 million abroad, leaving a record travel deficit of \$805 million, 16.8% higher than the \$689 million deficit registered in the first quarter of 1976. The growth in the deficit reflected the continuing increase in the number of Canadians travelling abroad and a decrease in the number of visitors to Canada, especially American visitors.

Canadian receipts comprised \$140 million from travellers from the United States and \$47 million from those of all other countries. Canadian resident spending abroad included \$650 million in the U.S. and \$342 million in all other countries, increases of 14.8% and 9.6%, respectively.

(see table on next page)

Receipts and Payments on International Travel 1976-1977

	I	II	1976 III	IV	Year	1977p I
United States						
Receipts	136	328	687	195	1,346	140
Payments	566	493	539	358	1,956	650
Balance	-430	-165	148	-163	-610	-510
All Other Countries						
Receipts	53	151	294	86	584	47
Payments	312	270	367	216	1,165	342
Balance	-259	-119	-73	-130	-581	-295
Total All Countries						
Receipts	189	479	981	281	1,930	187
Payments	878	763	906	574	3,121	992
Balance	-689	-284	75	-293	-1,191	-805

p Preliminary estimates

For further information, order the January-March issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975							
Fourth Quarter	8,766.5	6,576.6	6,076.6	290.4	2,399.5	508.4	269.3
1976							
First Quarter	9,314.7	6,961.2	6,379.2	300.9	2,634.6	496.9	360.5
Second Quarter	9,390.1	7,071.2	6,426.4	282.6	2,681.1	492.5	364.1
Third Quarter	9,371.7	7,017.3	6,457.3	264.9	2,649.5	503.9	394.5
Fourth Quarter	9,393.3	7,082.6	6,473.7	304.0	2,615.6	534.7	406.4
1977							
First Quarter	10,183.8	7,419.2	7,131.5	306.8	2,745.5	564.0	427.9
1976							
November	3,175.2	2,385.4	2,174.0	111.3	889.9	174.8	135.6
December	3,270.0	2,381.3	2,314.4	95.1	860.5	170.4	137.1
1977							
January	3,222.5	2,338.5	2,280.6	95.1	846.8	173.1	136.2
February	3,411.6	2,496.7	2,424.0	102.0	885.6	193.5	146.5
March	3,549.7	2,583.9	2,426.9	109.7	1,013.1	197.4	145.2
April	3,674.3	2,682.2	2,589.3	107.1	977.9	193.8	149.0
Percent changes							
April/March	3.5	3.8	6.6	-2.3	-3.4	-1.8	2.6
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	10.0	9.2	9.9	5.7	10.7	12.8	7.7
Apr. 77/Apr. 76	15.3	10.3	21.3	7.0	2.6	12.5	27.0

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,542.2	2,634.9	2,274.9	2,169.0	2,272.1	2,143.9	17.2	15.9	6.1
United Kingdom	99.7	126.0	92.4	98.9	112.3	93.4	0.8	12.1	-1.1
Other E.E.C.	182.9	197.1	167.4	169.2	170.4	142.5	8.1	15.6	17.4
Japan	138.0	153.1	133.6	114.7	125.3	115.5	20.2	22.1	15.7
Other O.E.C.D.	102.4	104.9	84.9	98.0	105.5	75.3	4.4	-0.5	12.8
Other America	214.4	233.6	176.6	198.6	110.0	125.4	7.9	112.3	40.8
Other Countries	248.5	289.2	253.5	309.8	345.4	311.5	-19.7	-16.2	-18.6
All Countries	3,528.1	3,738.8	3,183.3	3,158.2	3,241.0	3,007.5	11.7	15.3	5.8

	Year-to-Date						Apr.-Apr. Percent Changes	
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	77/76	76/75
United States	9,479.7	6,937.5	8,423.2	6,254.2	7,495.9	5,435.7	12.5	12.3
United Kingdom	407.0	307.3	400.7	301.8	405.6	315.4	1.5	-1.1
Other E.E.C.	710.0	527.1	639.4	470.2	677.0	517.8	11.0	-5.5
Japan	557.2	419.2	470.9	356.2	467.7	356.4	18.3	0.6
Other O.E.C.D.	395.1	292.7	378.7	280.6	361.5	284.9	4.3	4.7
Other America	830.2	615.9	641.3	442.7	626.4	479.1	29.4	2.3
Other Countries	1,074.1	825.6	1,356.6	1,046.9	1,177.7	925.6	-20.8	15.2
All Countries	13,453.3	9,925.3	12,310.8	9,152.6	11,211.8	8,314.9	9.2	9.8

Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	% Change				
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	Apr./77 Mar./77	Apr./77 Apr./76
Canada, Total	170.3	169.1r	157.1	0.7	8.4
Materials	161.5	160.4r	153.1	0.7	5.5
Labour	185.9	184.7r	164.2	0.6	13.2
Atlantic Provinces, Total	181.4	179.9	165.3	0.8	9.7
Materials	165.3	164.2	154.9	0.7	6.7
Labour	209.2	207.0	183.3	1.0	14.1
Quebec, Total	170.8	170.1	160.3	0.4	6.6
Materials	166.3	165.2	159.1	0.6	4.5
Labour	179.3	179.3	162.6	—	10.3
Ontario, Total	165.0	164.2r	152.3	0.5	8.3
Materials	157.5	156.3r	150.3	0.8	4.8
Labour	177.8	177.8	155.9	—	14.0
Prairie Provinces, Total	181.0	178.1	164.7	1.6	9.9
Materials	163.8	162.7	153.7	0.6	6.6
Labour	214.4	207.9	186.1	3.1	15.2
British Columbia, Total	169.2	168.6r	155.3	0.4	9.0
Materials	162.8	162.0	151.6	0.5	7.4
Labour	180.6	180.3r	162.1	0.2	11.4

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Table 3

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	7.4	3.3	2.9	15.8	15.2	7.2	-53.1	-77.9	-59.7
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	247.3	279.6	227.6	197.3	206.5	184.8	25.3	35.3	23.1
Meat and fish	39.4	40.5	41.0	34.7	41.1	40.2	13.3	-1.4	2.0
Fruits and vegetables	84.9	86.7	73.9	65.0	62.0	58.6	30.7	39.9	26.0
Raw sugar	11.9	4.9	12.8	19.5	19.8	16.1	-39.1	-75.4	-20.3
Crude Materials, Inedible	425.8	388.5	338.5	497.7	357.1	342.3	-14.4	8.7	-1.1
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	46.5	21.0	21.5	33.4	21.5	22.0	39.2	-2.0	-2.3
Coal	20.8	2.3	5.1	43.4	2.0	2.3	-51.9	16.3	123.1
Crude petroleum	280.9	283.1	230.9	343.9	261.1	249.2	-18.3	8.4	-7.3
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	534.3	642.5	498.2	506.6	539.1	512.9	5.4	19.1	-2.8
Wood and paper	49.5	67.4	53.2	63.7	72.8	75.5	-22.3	-7.3	-29.6
Textiles	69.4	79.7	68.5	64.7	73.5	73.4	7.2	8.3	-6.6
Chemicals	173.2	200.7	148.6	151.2	148.4	136.1	14.5	35.2	9.1
Iron and steel	57.0	68.0	56.6	55.6	50.5	55.7	2.4	34.8	1.5
<i>Bars and rods, steel</i>	6.6	9.1	6.5	7.0	7.0	5.6	-5.5	31.4	15.9
<i>Plate, sheet and strip, steel</i>	17.4	19.2	21.5	14.5	13.7	18.1	19.4	40.6	18.5
Non-ferrous metals	37.6	42.6	31.4	37.8	42.7	27.8	-0.4	-0.2	12.9
End Products, Inedible	2,203.7	2,390.7	2,081.7	1,903.3	2,079.7	1,920.0	15.7	14.9	8.4
General purpose machinery	117.2	130.3	112.7	97.2	120.8	112.4	20.6	7.8	0.2
Special industry machinery	171.7	179.7	178.7	179.4	157.5	162.8	-4.2	14.0	9.7
<i>Machine tools, metalworking</i>	13.6	15.6	11.0	11.1	12.1	11.0	22.8	29.7	-0.6
Agricultural machinery and tractors	122.5	138.0	118.6	119.7	127.0	109.4	2.3	8.6	8.3
Transportation equipment	1,149.8	1,136.4	1,005.5	920.0	996.1	904.6	24.9	14.0	11.1
<i>Sedans, new</i>	298.0	291.7	230.9	228.6	230.9	209.4	30.3	26.3	10.2
<i>Other passenger automobiles and chassis</i>	42.5	38.4	27.2	36.2	32.1	29.5	17.3	19.6	-7.9
<i>Trucks, truck tractors and chassis</i>	95.7	89.7	93.3	73.1	79.9	74.3	30.9	12.3	25.6
<i>Other motor vehicles</i>	37.0	38.4	26.7	23.4	24.6	22.8	57.8	55.7	17.3
<i>Motor vehicle engines</i>	46.6	49.7	41.8	46.2	44.9	46.0	0.9	10.7	-9.1
<i>Motor vehicle engine parts</i>	58.2	59.5	55.5	40.0	39.2	41.6	45.7	51.7	33.5
<i>Motor vehicle parts, except engines</i>	480.4	461.4	433.9	383.2	443.3	398.1	25.3	4.0	9.0
<i>Aircraft, complete with engines</i>	7.3	8.4	6.5	6.3	9.9	7.0	16.3	-15.3	-8.1
Other equipment and tools	345.7	431.1	349.2	313.6	356.2	329.6	10.2	21.0	5.9
<i>Electronic computers</i>	39.7	51.7	44.3	29.6	35.6	28.7	33.8	45.0	54.2
Special Transactions, Trade	109.7	34.3	34.4	37.4	43.4	40.4	193.1	-21.1	-14.7
Total	3,528.1	3,738.8	3,183.3	3,158.2	3,241.0	3,007.5	11.7	15.3	5.8

Employment, Earnings and Hours (Seasonally Adjusted), March 1977 — Advance Information.

The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite* index of employment (1961=100) for March show a 0.4% decline from February. All industry divisions except finance, insurance and real estate, and all regions recorded decreases.

Average weekly earnings rose 0.5% at the national industrial composite level in March. Except for forestry, mining and service, all industry divisions posted gains. At the regional level, the Prairie region registered a slight decrease while all other regions advanced.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in mining and in construction but decreased in manufacturing. Average hourly earnings increased in manufacturing and in construction but declined in mining.

* Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours*.

Detailed information for January and February will be published in the March issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see tables on pages 12 to 14)

Table 3 (Continued)

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Apr.-Apr. Percent Changes	
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	77/76	76/75
	1977	1977	1976	1976	1975	1975		
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	17.2	9.7	42.4	26.6	29.9	22.7	-59.5	41.5
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	978.4	731.1	783.4	586.1	752.1	581.8	24.8	4.1
Meat and fish	158.6	119.2	154.0	119.2	100.9	77.5	3.0	52.5
Fruits and vegetables	308.2	223.3	249.7	184.7	232.3	169.9	23.4	7.4
Raw sugar	52.1	40.2	66.7	47.2	111.7	105.9	-21.8	-40.2
Crude Materials, Inedible	1,587.5	1,161.8	1,770.7	1,273.1	1,663.9	1,259.5	-10.3	6.4
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	123.1	76.6	103.7	70.3	124.4	91.0	18.7	-16.5
Coal	52.9	32.1	90.2	46.8	99.4	55.8	-41.2	-9.2
Crude petroleum	1,087.0	806.1	1,277.5	933.5	1,182.7	917.5	-14.9	8.0
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	2,147.2	1,612.9	2,054.0	1,547.5	1,951.0	1,487.0	4.5	5.2
Wood and paper	220.1	170.6	284.0	220.2	152.3	110.4	-22.4	86.4
Textiles	284.9	215.5	290.4	225.7	228.5	168.6	-1.8	27.1
Chemicals	655.0	481.8	564.4	413.2	486.8	366.6	16.0	15.9
Iron and steel	236.6	179.6	215.5	159.8	374.5	296.9	9.8	-42.4
Bars and rods, steel	31.1	24.5	26.1	19.1	61.1	48.3	19.2	-57.3
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	75.5	58.2	62.0	47.4	122.1	103.5	21.9	-49.2
Non-ferrous metals	144.9	107.2	142.0	104.2	147.0	120.7	2.0	-3.3
End Products, Inedible	8,511.4	6,307.7	7,509.8	5,606.5	6,717.6	4,891.3	13.3	11.7
General purpose machinery	457.0	339.8	446.1	348.9	461.4	349.3	2.4	-3.3
Special industry machinery	687.3	515.7	650.4	471.0	617.5	456.0	5.6	5.3
Machine tools, metalworking	51.7	38.1	47.0	35.9	59.4	45.1	10.1	-21.0
Agricultural machinery and tractors	490.8	368.3	451.8	332.1	405.6	289.9	8.6	11.4
Transportation equipment	4,121.9	2,972.1	3,498.5	2,578.5	3,073.7	2,162.2	17.8	13.8
Sedans, new	991.3	693.4	802.0	573.3	652.2	434.0	23.6	22.9
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	126.3	83.8	116.7	80.4	78.2	52.1	8.2	49.1
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	342.7	247.0	276.3	203.2	249.8	179.3	24.0	10.5
Other motor vehicles	124.3	87.3	87.1	63.7	102.5	71.3	42.6	-15.0
Motor vehicle engines	174.6	128.0	173.2	127.0	131.7	94.2	0.7	31.5
Motor vehicle engines parts	223.0	164.7	151.5	111.6	111.3	78.5	47.1	36.1
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	1,759.7	1,279.3	1,531.0	1,147.8	1,189.2	854.2	14.9	28.7
Aircraft, complete with engines	29.2	21.9	30.5	24.2	170.3	101.6	-4.2	-82.0
Other equipment and tools	1,469.5	1,123.8	1,301.8	988.2	1,159.9	869.7	12.8	12.2
Electronic computers	179.6	139.9	122.5	92.8	110.7	82.0	46.6	10.6
Special Transactions, Trade	211.8	102.1	150.4	112.9	97.2	72.7	40.8	54.6
Total	13,453.3	9,925.3	12,310.8	9,152.6	11,211.8	8,314.9	9.2	9.8

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), March 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table presents seasonally-adjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961-based data contained in *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see table on page 15)

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	Total excluding cars and wheat	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975								
Fourth Quarter	8,629.8	6,889.8	6,349.0	5,741.2	372.3	2,516.3	518.2	550.5
1976								
First Quarter	9,236.1	7,230.4	6,721.0	6,125.7	435.2	2,675.2	611.0	647.8
Second Quarter	9,482.7	7,399.6	6,932.7	6,534.6	482.1	2,466.0	630.3	562.6
Third Quarter	9,889.6	7,805.2	7,374.8	6,670.1	495.0	2,724.5	703.3	564.4
Fourth Quarter	9,537.7	7,543.3	7,242.0	6,465.1	455.2	2,617.4	719.8	614.8
1977								
First Quarter	10,799.0	8,269.5	7,771.5	7,322.3	477.8	2,998.9	700.7	664.4
1976								
November	3,062.7	2,435.7	2,350.3	2,079.4	163.9	819.4	281.3	177.7
December	3,308.9	2,518.8	2,437.8	2,331.3	141.7	835.9	200.6	201.1
1977								
January	3,377.6	2,562.7	2,413.8	2,375.1	167.7	834.8	218.9	195.8
February	3,487.0	2,651.3	2,490.6	2,386.5	148.0	952.5	232.7	220.6
March	3,934.4	3,055.5	2,867.1	2,560.6	162.1	1,211.7	249.2	248.0
April	3,761.9	2,910.6	2,738.7	2,572.6	149.9	1,039.4	184.2	280.1
	Percent changes							
April/March	-4.4	-4.7	-4.4	0.4	-7.5	-14.2	-26.0	12.9
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	14.7	14.6	12.4	10.8	-2.7	28.6	-4.9	30.2
Apr. 77/Apr. 76	20.3	20.4	18.4	19.3	-9.8	29.3	-7.7	36.3

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,562.5	2,735.5	2,272.9	2,205.2	2,148.4	2,037.9	16.2	27.3	11.5
United Kingdom	126.5	166.9	136.4	159.3	152.9	151.7	-20.5	9.1	-10.0
Other E.E.C.	174.6	206.9	197.7	172.1	159.0	169.7	1.4	30.1	16.5
Japan	208.0	231.0	185.0	192.8	167.1	225.6	7.8	38.2	-18.0
Other O.E.C.D.	84.8	132.4	104.6	78.8	75.9	84.5	7.5	74.5	23.7
Other America	116.9	130.3	125.0	156.8	114.9	100.5	-25.4	13.4	24.3
Other Countries	204.1	230.7	194.9	141.8	167.0	186.8	43.9	38.0	4.3
All Countries	3,477.4	3,833.7	3,216.5	3,106.8	2,985.2	2,956.7	11.9	28.4	8.7
	Year-to-Date						Apr.-Apr. Percent Changes		
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	77/76	76/75	
United States	9,698.6	7,136.1	8,212.2	6,007.0	6,921.7	5,126.0	18.1	18.6	
United Kingdom	589.5	463.0	587.3	427.9	651.5	516.7	0.3	-9.8	
Other E.E.C.	811.9	637.3	730.7	558.6	723.2	547.8	11.1	1.0	
Japan	819.1	611.1	802.5	609.6	567.3	421.7	2.0	41.4	
Other O.E.C.D.	405.2	320.4	303.2	224.3	309.2	242.1	33.6	-1.9	
Other America	488.7	371.8	509.7	352.9	546.5	421.7	-4.1	-6.7	
Other Countries	849.7	645.6	764.5	622.7	674.1	471.0	11.1	13.4	
All Countries	13,662.7	10,185.3	11,910.1	8,803.0	10,393.5	7,747.0	14.7	14.5	

Table 6
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Feb. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	11.9	7.9	7.0	9.9	7.7	9.4	19.9	2.5	-25.3
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	278.5	310.9	280.2	243.2	208.8	318.6	14.5	48.9	-12.0
Meat and fish	50.9	72.9	51.5	52.2	54.7	52.3	-2.6	33.1	-1.5
Cereals and preparations	123.5	149.0	149.2	118.9	93.3	215.6	3.8	59.7	-30.8
Wheat	94.7	93.8	119.5	69.7	72.6	150.2	35.7	29.2	-20.4
Crude Materials, Inedible	691.2	711.6	627.7	652.5	584.7	628.1	5.9	21.7	0.0
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	167.6	182.3	137.3	163.0	140.0	138.1	2.8	30.1	-0.5
Crude petroleum	155.8	132.0	139.8	195.2	183.0	196.9	-20.1	-27.8	-28.9
Natural gas	192.6	175.8	170.6	137.9	128.1	136.9	39.6	37.2	24.6
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,198.2	1,325.0	1,076.9	1,006.6	968.5	904.4	19.0	36.8	19.0
Wood and paper	642.7	673.1	546.4	526.2	490.1	430.7	22.1	37.3	26.8
Lumber, softwood	183.7	197.0	149.1	120.8	120.1	111.8	52.1	64.0	33.3
Wood pulp and similar pulp	184.0	194.8	190.2	164.7	170.9	183.1	11.7	13.9	3.9
Newsprint paper	199.3	197.7	159.3	190.4	149.3	90.6	4.6	32.4	75.7
Textiles	7.8	11.7	9.3	9.1	8.7	8.1	-14.2	34.0	14.5
Chemicals	146.3	161.4	128.9	137.1	124.7	110.4	6.7	29.4	16.7
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	71.8	73.5	53.3	69.9	58.4	48.5	2.6	25.8	9.9
Petroleum and coal products	44.1	59.7	68.7	37.1	42.6	63.2	19.0	40.3	8.6
Iron and steel	91.5	84.4	68.6	57.6	63.2	70.1	58.9	33.5	-2.0
Non-ferrous metals	182.9	242.1	175.9	187.0	185.1	160.6	-2.1	30.7	9.5
Copper and alloys	34.9	54.2	37.3	38.9	43.6	46.1	-10.4	24.3	-18.9
Nickel and alloys	35.0	29.6	20.8	32.2	37.3	29.5	8.6	-20.6	-29.4
End Products, Inedible	1,220.0	1,397.8	1,149.9	1,102.9	1,132.7	1,019.4	10.6	23.4	12.8
Industrial machinery	85.9	97.2	88.6	70.1	73.8	68.5	22.6	31.7	29.3
Agricultural machinery and tractors	58.5	63.5	48.8	55.8	48.7	57.4	4.8	30.3	-14.9
Transportation equipment	916.6	1,055.2	855.6	821.9	840.1	722.8	11.5	25.6	18.3
Passenger automobiles and chassis	400.3	442.2	345.1	369.5	329.2	302.7	8.3	34.3	14.0
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	149.5	164.9	158.6	136.9	133.3	111.6	9.2	23.7	42.1
Other motor vehicles	13.8	13.3	12.8	9.6	13.6	12.2	42.5	-2.6	4.9
Motor vehicle engines and parts	78.2	85.1	88.7	57.4	64.1	65.3	36.2	32.7	35.8
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	208.6	227.0	196.2	169.7	188.0	181.7	22.9	20.7	7.9
Other equipment and tools	69.9	83.4	72.9	62.1	72.2	64.8	12.4	15.4	12.5
Special transactions, Trade	11.9	4.8	5.6	33.5	18.5	13.7	-64.3	-73.9	-58.9
Total	3,411.8	3,758.0	3,147.2	3,048.6	2,920.9	2,893.6	11.9	28.6	8.7

Table 6 (Continued)

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						Apr.-Apr. Percent Changes	
	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	36.0	24.1	36.9	27.0	12.0	8.6	-2.6	208.8
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	1,164.3	885.8	1,125.0	881.8	1,045.0	777.3	3.4	7.6
Meat and fish	223.3	172.4	204.9	152.7	149.9	116.3	8.9	36.6
Cereals and preparations	603.1	479.5	681.7	562.8	641.5	476.4	-11.5	6.2
Wheat	429.1	334.4	450.5	380.7	520.3	383.7	-4.7	-13.4
Crude Materials, Inedible	2,737.0	2,045.7	2,606.9	1,954.3	2,518.9	1,913.5	4.9	3.4
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	693.9	526.3	592.9	429.9	631.4	457.0	17.0	-6.0
Crude petroleum	597.0	441.2	866.4	671.2	1,112.8	869.7	-31.0	-22.1
Natural gas	691.1	498.5	539.6	401.7	308.2	222.7	28.0	75.0
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	4,664.8	3,466.5	3,731.3	2,724.7	3,342.1	2,526.9	25.0	11.6
Wood and paper	2,404.5	1,761.8	1,854.1	1,327.9	1,785.2	1,319.4	29.6	3.8
Lumber, softwood	686.7	502.9	452.3	331.5	277.3	188.0	51.8	63.1
Woodpulp and similar pulp	728.5	544.6	690.2	525.5	672.4	502.0	5.5	2.6
Newsprint paper	723.1	523.8	515.7	325.3	669.6	506.7	40.2	-22.9
Textiles	35.9	28.1	35.8	26.7	32.6	25.8	0.2	9.9
Chemicals	555.3	409.0	469.3	332.2	368.4	280.3	18.3	27.3
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	249.2	177.5	219.0	149.1	182.0	139.4	13.8	20.3
Petroleum and coal products	230.2	186.1	216.3	179.2	186.1	148.0	6.4	16.2
Iron and steel	328.2	236.7	251.7	194.1	262.3	202.5	30.4	-4.0
Non-ferrous metals	793.0	610.1	683.4	496.4	517.4	403.1	16.0	32.0
Copper and alloys	171.1	136.2	172.4	133.5	156.1	125.5	-0.7	10.4
Nickel and alloys	119.0	84.0	122.7	90.4	146.8	105.6	-3.0	-16.3
End Products, Inedible	4,773.6	3,553.6	4,099.4	2,996.5	3,200.6	2,313.0	16.4	28.0
Industrial machinery	340.4	254.5	280.1	210.0	308.0	236.6	21.5	-9.0
Agricultural machinery and tractors	205.7	147.2	193.0	137.2	194.2	135.4	6.6	-0.6
Transportation equipment	3,599.0	2,682.4	3,003.2	2,181.3	2,167.4	1,546.0	19.8	38.5
Passenger automobiles and chassis	1,510.6	1,110.4	1,266.2	896.6	986.3	684.9	19.3	28.3
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	615.1	465.6	487.5	350.6	375.7	278.8	26.1	29.7
Other motor vehicles	47.4	33.7	44.2	34.5	36.4	28.5	7.3	21.4
Motor vehicle engines and parts	325.5	247.3	236.2	178.8	125.5	84.5	37.8	88.2
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	810.0	601.5	679.5	509.8	437.9	310.9	19.2	55.1
Other equipment and tools	285.2	215.4	250.0	187.8	242.8	186.4	14.1	2.9
Special Transactions, Trade	28.0	16.1	71.6	38.2	18.8	12.8	-60.9	280.6
Total	13,403.6	9,991.8	11,671.2	8,622.6	10,137.4	7,552.1	14.8	15.1

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended May 14, 1977 —
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Canadian loadings totalled 5.3 million short tons (4.8 million t) in the above week, up 5.8% from the year-earlier period. Traffic east of Thunder Bay declined 3.6% in the latest seven days, but rose 19.0% in the West.

Trailer-container (piggyback) shipments at 206,346 short tons (187 194 t) were down 1.8%.

From January 1 to May 14, 1977, rail freight loadings aggregated 86.3 million short tons (78.3 million t), an increase of 6.6% over the corresponding 1976 period. Piggyback volume rose 20.9% to 4.1 million short tons (3.7 million t).

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Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

March 1977

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Employment Index Numbers									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
	1977f	1977p	1977p	1976r	1976	1976	1977f	1977p	1977p	1976r
										1961=100
Industry Division:										
Forestry	57.2	65.2	65.4	72.0	56.6	58.4	70.7	75.2	72.9	76.2
Mining, including milling	119.0	120.0	119.7	119.3	116.2	116.4	120.1	120.7	121.4	120.6
Manufacturing	124.1	123.2	123.6	124.6	127.1	126.1	126.1	126.3	126.6	127.0
Durable Goods	135.5	135.2	136.0	137.7	139.9	140.0	137.1	138.1	138.6	139.5
Non-durable Goods	114.9	113.5	113.6	114.1	116.8	114.8	117.4	116.8	116.8	117.2
Construction	96.8	96.6	96.9	103.7	103.6	100.4	111.1	112.4	112.8	117.8
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	126.0	125.7	126.1	127.7	124.0	123.4	128.9	129.4	129.4	129.5
Trade	168.3	168.4	170.4	178.3	170.1	168.3	170.9	172.5	172.6	170.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	190.0	189.9	189.4	188.6	180.3	178.7	192.3	191.3	190.8	189.2
Service	239.6	238.0	235.8	238.6	234.2	230.0	246.0	246.2	246.2	247.6
Industrial Composite	140.1	139.8	140.1	142.8	140.7	139.3	143.8	144.4	144.5	144.4
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	121.1	121.7	121.8	127.4	124.8	123.8	129.4	130.7	129.7	132.0
Newfoundland	122.2	123.6	120.1	129.4	123.8	123.2	133.8	134.7	130.8	135.6
Prince Edward Island	131.0	129.5	129.0	137.9	124.4	126.0	150.1	150.7	146.4	147.3
Nova Scotia	120.5	121.0	121.7	124.9	124.1	123.2	125.2	126.7	127.5	127.2
New Brunswick	120.2	120.4	122.3	128.2	126.3	124.9	129.4	130.3	130.9	133.3
Quebec	124.7	124.6	125.4	127.2	127.7	126.3	128.4	128.6	129.2	129.2
Ontario	143.5	143.6	143.9	146.5	144.0	143.0	146.7	147.3	147.3	147.2
Prairie Region	153.6	153.1	153.1	156.1	150.8	149.0	158.0	158.3	158.4	158.5
Manitoba	121.8	121.7	122.5	124.9	125.8	124.8	125.1	125.4	125.9	126.3
Saskatchewan	139.2	138.4	138.3	142.3	137.4	136.7	145.0	144.7	144.3	145.1
Alberta	186.2	185.4	184.9	188.0	176.8	174.3	191.0	191.4	191.0	191.0
British Columbia	167.9	165.0	164.6	167.9	164.6	161.2	169.8	170.5	170.7	171.4
Yukon	178.2	176.8	173.9	173.9	183.4	177.8	190.5	191.2	187.6	181.3
Northwest Territories	155.3	143.0	147.9	145.2	146.2	146.0	164.6	156.7	165.9	161.0
Canada	140.1	139.8	140.1	142.8	140.7	139.3	143.8	144.4	144.5	144.4

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Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Mar. 1977f	Feb. 1977p	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976r	Mar. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1977f	Feb. 1977p	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976r
	dollars									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	327.22	333.05	316.35	240.51	291.81	291.30	310.51	319.63	313.96	267.41
Mining, including milling	339.60	338.72	339.27	334.14	310.78	310.03	334.81	335.97	335.11	334.51
Manufacturing	261.15	259.50	255.57	250.36	235.52	232.57	260.14	258.44	253.94	255.44
Durable Goods	279.19	277.19	271.31	266.30	250.97	248.90	279.25	276.97	270.12	275.42
Non-durable Goods	243.97	242.47	240.35	234.86	220.58	216.50	242.78	241.07	239.11	237.42
Construction	355.74	349.71	343.61	310.11	328.68	328.55	356.02	348.53	344.68	348.28
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	282.74	283.05	280.65	274.23	251.44	252.51	282.46	281.50	279.20	276.75
Trade	185.96	184.69	182.41	184.29	171.13	169.13	186.88	186.40	154.68	186.08
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service	225.36	222.75	220.61	218.93	212.70	207.40	221.96	220.89	219.62	220.36
Industrial Composite	167.83	167.94	167.02	165.61	156.14	155.03	167.28	168.85	166.26	166.63
	243.44	242.30	239.36	233.99	221.76	220.02	243.51	242.20	239.24	240.76
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	217.84	217.88	217.28	208.96	197.71	195.21	215.85	215.57	214.43	213.77
Newfoundland	235.86	231.72	238.13	227.20	216.53	214.10	234.24	228.34	236.43	234.81
Prince Edward Island	187.60	187.02	187.23	175.96	169.56	166.85
Nova Scotia	206.58	207.63	204.21	199.42	186.88	185.19	204.78	206.76	201.85	205.42
New Brunswick	222.56	224.12	222.57	211.47	201.01	197.58	218.60	220.57	220.52	213.56
Quebec	237.82	236.09	233.68	230.07	216.85	216.20	238.54	235.83	233.38	236.55
Ontario	243.12	241.96	238.25	233.74	222.64	220.32	243.51	242.03	237.96	239.95
Prairie Region	241.21	241.04	237.61	231.46	217.20	215.23	240.75	240.90	239.02	236.50
Manitoba	222.39	220.29	219.05	215.66	201.88	198.34	222.08	221.80	220.26	219.55
Saskatchewan	230.27	229.20	224.68	224.69	205.41	204.55	230.11	229.75	226.61	226.55
Alberta	254.89	256.09	251.89	242.37	230.10	228.80	254.38	255.32	252.29	248.48
British Columbia	274.75	273.61	272.10	262.23	251.13	249.18	276.94	275.84	271.61	267.34
Yukon	343.34	341.71	340.34	321.31	271.53	286.11
Northwest Territories	293.55	302.37	287.91	285.31	287.11	279.29
Canada	243.44	242.30	239.36	233.99	221.76	220.02	243.51	242.20	239.24	240.76

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Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.)	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Mar. 1977f	Feb. 1977p	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976r	Mar. 1976 number	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1977f	Feb. 1977p	Jan. 1977p	Dec. 1976r
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	40.4	40.4	41.0	40.5	40.1	40.7	40.2	39.9	40.5	40.9
Manufacturing	38.9	38.9	38.5	38.2	39.0	38.9	38.7	38.8	38.4	39.8
Durable Goods	39.7	39.8	39.1	39.0	39.7	39.6	39.5	39.7	39.0	40.7
Non-durable Goods	38.0	37.9	37.9	37.3	38.3	38.1	38.0	37.7	37.8	38.6
Construction	38.1	37.7	37.2	34.1	39.6	39.8	38.6	38.2	38.1	38.9
Building	36.9	36.4	36.5	33.9	38.7	38.5	37.3	36.6	36.9	38.0
Engineering	40.7	40.5	39.0	34.5	41.7	42.9	42.3	40.9	40.3	40.7
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	37.9	38.7	38.1	37.5	38.0	38.8	37.6	38.8	37.5	39.1
Quebec	39.1	38.9	39.0	38.3	39.5	39.1	39.0	38.6	38.9	40.1
Ontario	39.6	39.6	38.8	38.7	39.5	39.3	39.5	39.6	38.8	40.2
Prairie Region	37.5	37.3	37.5	37.0	37.8	37.5	37.5	37.3	37.5	37.7
British Columbia	36.2	36.4	36.9	36.2	36.6	36.7	35.9	36.2	36.9	37.2
					dollars					
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	7.91	7.88	7.85	7.85	7.26	7.16	7.84	7.89	7.86	7.80
Manufacturing	6.21	6.18	6.11	6.02	5.58	5.51	6.21	6.20	6.10	6.01
Durable Goods	6.61	6.59	6.50	6.37	5.94	5.90	6.63	6.62	6.50	6.41
Non-durable Goods	5.78	5.74	5.69	5.63	5.19	5.09	5.78	5.76	5.68	5.60
Construction	9.59	9.49	9.42	8.96	8.53	8.50	9.49	9.35	9.28	9.08
Building	9.35	9.26	9.22	8.97	8.51	8.49	9.34	9.21	9.12	9.10
Engineering	10.07	9.94	9.84	8.93	8.56	8.51	9.88	9.71	9.73	9.16
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.74	5.75	5.74	5.58	5.17	5.04	5.65	5.61	5.60	5.36
Quebec	5.56	5.54	5.48	5.40	4.98	4.95	5.57	5.56	5.49	5.36
Ontario	6.32	6.29	6.20	6.10	5.72	5.65	6.32	6.31	6.17	6.11
Prairie Region	6.19	6.18	6.13	6.12	5.48	5.47	6.25	6.26	6.18	6.16
British Columbia	8.04	8.05	8.01	7.95	7.26	7.14	8.08	8.07	7.99	7.90

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Employment Indexes (1971=100), Selected Industries, Canada
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Industry (1960 S.I.C.)	1971 percentage weights	Dec. 1976r	Jan 1977p	Feb. 1977p	Mar. 1977f
Industrial Composite	100.00	112.8	112.9	112.7	112.2
Forestry	1.21	81.7	91.7	94.7	88.8
Mining, including milling	3.16	104.9	105.6	105.0	104.5
Manufacturing	39.54	103.9	103.3	103.0	102.8
Durable Goods	19.14	105.0	104.4	104.0	103.2
Non-Durable Goods	20.39	102.8	102.1	102.2	102.6
Construction	5.85	102.8	98.4	97.9	96.8
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	16.01	113.1	112.9	113.0	112.4
Transportation	9.53	104.4	104.7	104.6	..
Storage	0.38	95.9	94.7	96.3	..
Communication	3.96	132.3	130.6	130.6	..
Electric Power, Gas and Water	2.15	119.2	117.7	118.5	..
Trade	17.58	120.9	122.4	122.4	121.2
Wholesale Trade	5.84	118.8	118.5	117.5	116.2
Retail Trade	11.73	122.2	123.8	125.3	124.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6.65	129.9	131.2	131.4	132.1
Service	10.01	133.8	133.0	133.1	132.9
Recreational Services	1.04	130.4	130.8	130.7	..
Business Services	2.31	141.0	141.5	142.5	..
Personal Services	4.68	129.1	127.3	128.0	..

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Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended May 14

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,795,141	2,460,116	5,255,257
Short tons, 1976	2,900,218	2,066,681	4,966,899
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 535 709	2 231 780	4 767 489
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 631 034	1 874 861	4 505 895
% change	-3.6	19.0	5.8
Cars, 1977	44,105	37,018	81,123
Cars, 1976	46,582	32,596	79,178
% change	-5.3	13.6	2.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	147,786	58,560	206,346
Short tons, 1976	148,065	61,974	210,039
Metric tonnes, 1977	134 069	53 125	187 194
Metric tonnes, 1976	134 322	56 222	190 544
% change	-0.2	-5.5	-1.8
Cars, 1977	4,743	2,498	7,241
Cars, 1976	4,744	2,495	7,239
% change	—	0.1	—
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	46,549,023	39,742,230	86,291,253
Short tons, 1976	45,135,697	35,808,413	80,944,110
Metric tonnes, 1977	42 228 563	36 053 545	78 282 108
Metric tonnes, 1976	40 946 416	32 484 846	73 431 262
% change	3.1	11.0	6.6
Cars, 1977	762,776	601,799	1,364,575
Cars, 1976	764,058	556,715	1,320,773
% change	-0.2	8.1	3.3
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	3,007,524	1,091,508	4,099,032
Short tons, 1976	2,467,148	923,668	3,390,816
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 728 380	990 199	3 718 579
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 238 159	837 938	3 076 097
% change	21.9	18.2	20.9
Cars, 1977	91,910	47,222	139,132
Cars, 1976	82,385	39,087	121,472
% change	11.6	20.8	14.5

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

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Wholesale Trade, March 1977 (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50)

Cheques Cashed, March 1977 (61-001, 30¢/\$3)

Farm Cash Receipts, March 1977 (21-001, 30¢/\$3)

The Dairy Review, March 1977 (23-001, 40¢/\$4)

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, March 1977 (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, April 1977 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Cement, March 1977 (44-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Dairy Factory Production, April 1977 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)**Service Bulletins:**

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 7, No. 11, Monthly Telephone Statistics, March 1977

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 6, No. 16, Shipments of Domestic Mobile Homes, March 1977

Metals and Minerals (41-010, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 4, No. 13, Consumption of Nickel, 1975

Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 8, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese, April 1977

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

March 1977 — Advance Information.

	Domestic		Export		Total	
	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Ingots and semi-finished shapes	32,176	29 190	56,509	51 264	88,685	80 454
Rails	32,341	29 340	1,847	1 676	34,188	31 016
Wire rods	61,682	55 958	20,963	19 018	82,645	74 976
Structural shapes:						
Heavy	45,138	40 949	14,052	12 748	59,190	53 697
Bar-sized shapes	11,301	10 255	3,760	3 411	15,061	13 666
Concrete reinforcing bars	53,942	48 936	—	—	53,942	48 936
Other hot rolled bars	89,964	81 614	8,215	7 452	98,179	89 066
Tie plates and track material	9,471	8 592	265	240	9,736	8 832
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	97,883	88 797	14,889	13 508	112,772	102 305
Hot rolled sheets and strip	215,800	195 768	29,369	26 643	245,169	222 411
Cold finished bars	8,291	7 523	407	369	8,698	7 892
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated	167,365	151 830	19,731	17 899	187,096	169 729
Galvanized sheets	63,923	57 990	9,395	8 523	73,318	66 513
Total	889,277	806 742	179,402	162 751	1,068,679	969 493

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the March issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Freight Traffic, 1976 — Advance Information.

Railways in Canada carried 262.9 million tons of revenue freight in 1976, an increase of 5.6% over the 248.9 million tons hauled in 1975. The total included 240.6 million tons of freight loaded in Canada (up 5.6% from the previous 12-month period) and 22.3 million tons received from United States connections (an increase of 5.3% over 1975).

A geographic breakdown of 1976 rail traffic shows that the only decreases experienced during the year were in Prince Edward Island (-28.8%), Nova Scotia (-1.6%), New Brunswick (-0.8%), and Yukon and Northwest Territories (-17.5%).

On the basis of commodity groups, the live animals category dropped 36.3% in 1976 to 153,181 tons and food, feed and beverages declined 1.5% to 33.8 million tons. Non-carload shipments (mail, express and l.c.l.) fell 25.2% from 1975. The volume of crude materials — which accounted for 52.6% of all freight carried — was up 6.8% in 1976 and fabricated materials, the next

largest category, rose 4.3%. End products and special traffic recorded increases of 3.2% and 35.5%, respectively.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of *Railway Freight Traffic* (52-205, \$2.80), or contact J.R. Slatery (613-995-0656), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Miscellaneous Food Processors, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous food processors shipped \$1,533.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 8.6% to \$613.4 million, the number of employees increased 1.6% to 19,815 and total salaries and wages increased 15.7% to \$215.9 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Food Processors, 1975* (32-224, 70¢).

The Dairy Review, April 1977 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,275,555,000 pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in March, 7.0% less than March 1976.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first three months of 1977 to 3,430,193,000 pounds, down 7.9% from the January-March period in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

For-hire Trucking Survey, 1975.

Preliminary figures show that for-hire motor carriers in Canada with gross annual intercity operating revenues of \$100,000 and over earned revenues of \$1.8 billion in 1975, an increase of 20.5% from 1974. These carriers transported 116.8 million tons of cargo in 1975 (up 16.6%) and generated 25.0 billion ton-miles (up 14.9% from 1974).

For further information, contact the Motor Carrier Unit (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Tobacco and Tobacco Products, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Stocks of unmanufactured tobacco (domestic and imported) held in March amounted to 238 million pounds (108 t) compared to 257 million pounds (117 t) held in March 1976.

For further information, order the March quarter issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Statistics* (32-014, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wool Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Wool yarn and cloth mills shipped \$163.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 0.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 10.9% to \$80.2 million, the number of employees decreased 8.8% to 5,747 and total salaries and wages decreased 2.9% to \$47.1 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Wool Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975* (34-209, 70¢).

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1976 Census of Agriculture

The first two publications containing data from the 1976 Census of Agriculture were published recently, and 10 additional publications in the Special Series will follow in the next few weeks. Orders are now being accepted for this series by the Publications Distribution Unit. The price is \$41.45.

The Volume Series of 11 publications, one for each province plus a summary for Canada, will be published in 1978. This series can also be ordered now. The price is \$59.75.

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Railway Freight Traffic, Fourth Quarter 1976 (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Primary Iron and Steel, February 1977 (41-001, 40¢/\$4)

Automobile Fabric Accessories Industry, 1975 (34-222, 70¢)

Railway Operating Statistics, December 1976 (52-003, 30¢/\$3)

Oil Pipe Line Transport, February 1977 (55-001, 30¢/\$3)

Service Bulletin:

Law Enforcement, Judicial and Correctional Statistics (85-001, N/C), Vol. 5, No. 2, Preliminary Statistics From a Sample Survey of Juveniles in Conflict with the Law

Fabricated Structural Steel

Updated indexes for fabricated structural steel are now available. Quarterly and annual figures are available to the end of 1976 and may be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 125. For further information, contact Mr. A.A. Near (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Precast Concrete Indexes

Updated indexes for precast concrete are now available. Semi-annual and annual figures are available to the end of 1976 and may be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 126. For further information, contact Mr. A.A. Near (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Railway Operating Statistics, February 1977 — Advance Information.

Combined net income of the six major railways operating in Canada totalled \$9.3 million in February, a drop of 41.7% from \$16.0 million a year earlier. Total operating revenues at \$259.0 million were 6.2% above the February 1976 level but operating expenses rose 9.6% to \$249.7 million.

Freight ton-miles in the latest month declined 1.2% while passenger-miles were down 6.5%.

Net income of the six railways for the first two months of 1977 showed a 4.8% gain over 1976; operating revenues and operating expenses ran 9.4% and 9.5%, respectively, above year-earlier levels.

Cumulative freight ton-miles were slightly below those of 1976 (-0.8%) while passenger-miles were 6.9% lower.

For further information, order the February issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Motor Vehicle Production, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of passenger cars totalled 113,654 units in April compared to 109,563 units in April 1976. January to April production was 440,522 units compared to 416,900 units a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 53,658 units compared to 47,823. Year-to-date production was 208,936 units compared to 176,135 units.

For further information, order the April issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Carloadings, April 1977 — Advance Information.

The volume of freight carried by railways in Canada in April totalled 23.2 million short tons (21.0 million t), an increase of 7.2% from a year earlier. Traffic received from United States connections (which accounted for about 9.0% of the total) was down 0.4% from April 1976.

In April 1977, sizeable percentage gains were registered for loadings of sulphur (88.0%); wheat (47.4%); fertilizers, other than potash (40.4%); and iron ore (17.4%).

In the first four months of 1977, rail freight haulings were 5.7% above the 1976 level at 84.0 million short tons (76.2 million t). Receipts from the U.S. (included above) were 2.4% below those of the preceding year). Among commodities showing notable increases in the latest period were sulphur, fertilizers, pulpwood, wheat and lumber. Loadings of phosphate rock and other grains declined.

For further information, order the April issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Veneer and Plywood Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Establishments classified to the veneer and plywood industry shipped \$457.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 0.7% to \$204.5 million, the number of employees decreased 4.2% to 12,732 and total salaries and wages increased 6.4% to \$141.3 million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Veneer and Plywood Mills, 1975* (35-206, 70¢).

Commercial Printing, 1975 — Advance Information.

Commercial printing establishments shipped \$1,353.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.5% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 10.1% to \$797.0 million, the number of employees decreased 1.4% to 43,485 and total salaries and wages increased 10.2% to \$478.5 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975* (36-203, \$1.40).

Consolidated Government Finance, 1974 — Advance Information.

Consolidated government revenue for all levels of government totalled \$60,060 million for the fiscal year ending nearest to December 31, 1974, an increase of \$12,347 million (25.9%) over 1973. Tax revenue of \$48,661 million showed an increase of \$10,100 million (26.2%) over 1973. Non-tax revenue amounted to \$11,399 million, up \$2,247 million (24.6%).

Consolidated government expenditure for all levels of government amounted to \$59,298 million for the fiscal year ending nearest to December 31, 1974, an increase of \$12,285 million (26.1%) over 1973. Social welfare (\$13,299 million), education (\$8,792 million) and health (\$7,357 million) were the largest expenditures and represented 22.4%, 14.8% and 12.4%, respectively, of total consolidated government expenditure in 1974. In comparison, these functions comprised 18.3%, 15.3% and 10.1%, respectively, of total consolidated government expenditure in 1965.

For further information, please contact Mr. L. Vincent or Mr. G. Lyttle (613-995-0664), Research and Consolidation Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Cement Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Cement manufacturers shipped \$339.2 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 10.5% to \$210.3 million, the number of employees decreased 1.9% to 4,577 and total salaries and wages increased 18.2% to \$70.2 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Cement Manufacturers, 1975* (44-204, 70¢).

Fruit and Vegetable Preparations, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance information on fruit and vegetable preparations for the quarter ending March 31, 1977, containing production data on selected fruit and vegetable commodities (including jams, jellies and marmalades) is now available.

For further information, order the March issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Preparations* (32-017, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Boatbuilding and Repair, 1975 — Advance Information.

The boatbuilding and repair industry shipped \$109.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 1.8% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 1.5% to \$51.2 million, the number of employees decreased 3.9% to 3,781 and total salaries and wages increased 4.5% to \$33.8 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Boatbuilding and Repair, 1975* (42-205, 70¢).

Plastics Fabricating Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The plastics fabricating industry shipped \$955.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 0.09% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 4.7% to \$465.4 million, the number of employees decreased 3.6% to 25,541 and total salaries and wages increased 6.5% to \$228.9 million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Plastics Fabricating Industry, 1975* (47-208, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended May 28, 1977 — Advance Information.

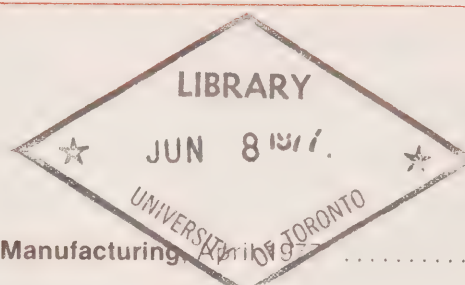
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 28 was 283,783 short tons (257 444 t), a decrease of 0.3% from the preceding week's total of 284,509 short tons (258 102 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 283,300 tons (257 005 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 154.9 in the current week, 155.3 a week earlier and 154.6 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Universities and Colleges of Canada, 1976 (81-230, \$9)

Fish Freezings and Stocks, March 1977 (24-001, 40¢/\$4)

Office Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 (35-212, 70¢)

Consumer Credit, March 1977 (61-004, 30¢/\$3)

Transcontinental and Regional Air Carrier Operations, December 1976 (51-001, 40¢/\$4)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, February 1977 (35-003, 30¢/\$3)

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, April 1977 (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Salt, April 1977 (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50)

Asbestos, April 1977 (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

April 1977
(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Index		Percentage Change	
		Apr.* 1977	Mar.* 1977	Apr./77 Mar./77	Apr./77 Apr./76
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	171.0	170.2	159.9	0.5 6.9
SIC Major Groups:					
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	182.9	180.4	171.8	1.4 6.5
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	146.8	145.8	138.5	0.7 6.0
4. Leather Industries	0.9	172.3	171.1	158.9	0.7 8.4
5. Textile Industries	3.5	148.9	148.6	141.4	0.2 5.3
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	130.9	130.3	123.9	0.5 5.6
8. Wood Industries	4.7	180.6	180.1	166.7	0.3 8.3
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	171.3	170.9	160.7	0.2 6.6
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	192.3	191.7	182.0	0.3 5.7
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	182.8	183.1	166.9	-0.2 9.5
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	168.1	166.8	161.0	0.8 4.4
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	156.0	156.9	149.9	-0.6 4.1
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	144.9	143.6	139.6	0.9 3.8
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	176.5	176.1	162.6	0.2 8.5
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	237.0	237.0	201.6	0.0 17.6
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	173.7	173.1	166.4	0.3 4.4
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	147.5	147.4	137.0	0.1 7.7

These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

**Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing
(1971=100), April 1977 — Advance Information.**

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose 0.5% in April to 171.0 from the revised March level of 170.2. The index was 6.9% higher than in April 1976 when it stood at 159.9. Increases of 1.4% in food and beverage industries, 0.8% in metal fabricating industries and 0.9% in electrical products industries contributed most to the advance of the total index in April.

The rise in the food and beverage group mainly reflected price increases for dairy products (2.4%), miscellaneous food processors (3.5%) and feeds (2.8%). The increase in the metal fabricating group was largely due to a 2.1% increase in metal stamping and pressing. A 3.2% increase in electric wire and cable contributed most to the rise in the electrical products group.

Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tile, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 4,007 short tons (3 635 t) or 8,296,548 square feet (770 775 m²) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in April compared to 6,015 short tons (5 457 t) or 12,647,148 square feet (1 174 958 m²) in April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin* (47-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Knitted Fabric Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Knitted fabric manufacturers shipped \$232.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 7% to \$78.5 million, the number of employees decreased 4% to 5,629 and total salaries and wages increased 6.1% to \$46.4 million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Knitting Mills, 1975* (34-215, 70¢).

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes**Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantities**

Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1974 Annual	135.8	156.3
1975 Annual	157.4	173.1
1976 Annual	158.2	177.5
1975		
IV	156.3	176.3
1976		
I	158.3	177.9
II	158.4	175.9
III	158.9	178.6
IV	158.1	177.7
1977		
I	168.6	183.3
1976		
October	156.4	178.9
November	158.1	175.9
December	160.1	179.0
1977		
January	168.6	183.7
February	166.5	183.9
March	170.9	182.0

Volume Indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices

Seasonally Adjusted

(1971=100)

	Imports	Exports
1974 Annual	149.3	116.5
1975 Annual	141.2	107.2
1976 Annual	151.5	120.5
1975		
IV	142.6	107.1
1976		
I	150.1	116.5
II	152.8	121.0
III	152.8	126.1
IV	149.5	116.8
1977		
I	154.3	132.8
1976		
October	140.0	112.3
November	152.8	114.4
December	155.7	123.8
1977		
January	149.9	128.0
February	157.3	128.1
March	155.6	142.5

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Import prices were up 6.6% and export prices 3.2% in the first quarter of 1977 compared with the fourth quarter of 1976, an important factor being the 3.8% decline in the value of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar over this period.

Export volume increased much more rapidly than import volume in the first quarter of 1977. Seasonally-adjusted first quarter export volume was up 10.2% over the annual level in 1976, compared with a 1.8% increase for import volume.

For further information, order the April issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Gun Ownership and Use in Canada, 1976 — Advance Information.

In August, 1976, Statistics Canada carried out a survey of firearm ownership and use in Canada. The survey was funded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey. The results of this survey will be published in a forthcoming Service Bulletin, *Statistics of Estimated Gun Ownership and Use in Canada, 1976*. Preliminary figures may be obtained on request from Dr. Paul Reed (613-995-0746), Justice Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1,143.8 million feet board measure (2 699 100 m³) of lumber and ties in March compared to 963.6 million (revised) in March 1976. January to March production increased to 3,168.3 million feet board measure (7 476 200 m³) from a revised 2,620.9 million feet board measure (6 182 800 m³) in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for March are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Imports by Commodities* (65-007, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 6, Telegraphic Crop Report, Canada — Available June 2, 1977 at 3 p.m. E.D.S.T. (22-002, for series of 20)

Electric Lamp and Shade Manufacturers, 1976 (35-214, 70¢)

Shipping Statistics, January 1977 (54-002, 30¢/\$3)

Refined Petroleum Products, February 1977 (45-004, 40¢/\$4)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, February 1977 (35-002, 30¢/\$3)

Vegetable Oil Mills, 1975 (32-223, 70¢)

Miscellaneous Leather Products Manufacturers, 1975 (33-205, 70¢)

Tobacco Products Industries, 1975 (32-225, 70¢)

Iron Mines, 1975 (26-210, 70¢)
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Lime Manufacturers, 1975 (44-209, 70¢)**Road Motor Vehicles, 1975 (53-218, 70¢)****Service Bulletin:**

Rubber and Plastics Products Industries (47-002, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 2,
Production and Shipments of Plastic Bottles, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

April 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	% Change	
				Apr./77 Mar./77	Apr./77 Apr./76
Total Index	174.1	173.5	161.0	0.3	8.1
Materials	162.6	162.2	156.0	0.2	4.2
Steel and Metal Work	170.3	171.0	170.6	-0.4	-0.2
Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning	150.6	149.6	142.9	0.7	5.4
Electrical Equipment	152.0	152.8	144.8	-0.5	5.0
Concrete Products	186.0	185.8	172.8	0.1	7.6
Lumber and Lumber Products	172.9	171.8	170.3	0.6	1.5
Other	158.2	156.5	149.0	1.1	6.2
Labour	186.9	186.1	166.5	0.4	12.3

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 39,512 in April compared to 38,577 in April 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 104,359 units, down from 124,592. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 17,956 from 34,066 and month-end stocks increased to 62,510 units from 61,440.

For further information, order the April issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production decreased 5.0% to 34.5 million dozen in April from 36.3 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers was up 0.5% to 23.0 million from 22.9 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased 5.5% to 1,800 from 1,905. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 4.5% to 66.7¢ a dozen from 63.8¢ a dozen in April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended May 21, 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The volume of rail freight loaded in Canada during the third week of May totalled 5.4 million short tons (4.9 million t), an increase of 12.8% over the same 1976 period. Traffic in the East rose 5.4% in the latest seven days while in the West a gain of 23.1% was recorded. The total number of cars loaded in Canada at 81,331 was up 6.6%.

Trailer-container freight (piggyback) registered a 6.8% gain from 1976, rising to 216,195 short tons (196 128 t).

From January 1 to May 21, 1977, rail carload traffic rose 7.1% over the previous year to 91.8 million short tons (83.3 million t). Eastern loadings showed a gain of 3.5% while there was an 11.6% increase in Western originations. Cumulative piggyback shipments were 20.1% above the 1976 level at 4.3 million short tons (3.9 million t).

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.
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Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending May 21

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,923,054	2,461,132	5,384,186
Short tons, 1976	2,772,651	1,999,878	4,772,529
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 651 750	2 232 701	4 884 451
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 515 307	1 814 259	4 329 566
% change	5.4	23.1	12.8
Cars, 1977	44,529	36,802	81,331
Cars, 1976	44,575	31,690	76,265
% change	-0.1	16.1	6.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	157,403	58,792	216,195
Short tons, 1976	137,894	64,487	202,381
Metric tonnes, 1977	142 794	53 335	196 129
Metric tonnes, 1976	125 095	58 502	183 597
% change	14.1	-8.8	6.8
Cars, 1977	4,861	2,514	7,375
Cars, 1976	4,537	2,543	7,080
% change	7.1	-1.1	4.2
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	49,583,852	42,203,362	91,787,214**
Short tons, 1976	47,908,348	37,808,291	85,716,639
Metric tonnes, 1977	44 981 714	38 286 246	83 267 960
Metric tonnes, 1976	43 461 722	34 299 105	77 760 827
% change	3.5	11.6	7.1
Cars, 1977	807,305	638,601	1,445,906
Cars, 1976	808,633	588,405	1,397,038
% change	-0.2	8.5	3.5
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	3,164,927	1,150,300	4,315,227
Short tons, 1976	2,605,042	988,155	3,593,197
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 871 173	1 043 535	3 914 708
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 363 254	896 439	3 259 693
% change	21.5	16.4	20.1
Cars, 1977	96,771	49,736	146,507
Cars, 1976	86,922	41,630	128,552
% change	11.3	19.5	14.0

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

**Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

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Railway Operating Statistics, January 1977 (52-003, 30¢/\$3)

Oils and Fats, March 1977 (32-006, 30¢/\$3)

Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics, March 1977 (24-002, 40¢/\$4)

Wholesale Trade, Business Location Statistics, 1971 Census of Canada (97-722, \$1.40)

Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipe and Fittings, March 1977 (41-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletin:

Water Transport (54-003, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 4, Cargo Loaded and Unloaded in Coastwise Shipping by Vessels of Foreign Registries, January-March 1977 and 1976

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

April 1977

		Year-to-date 1976	Year-to-date 1977	February	March	April
Carriers Reporting* **		18**	19	19	19	19
Revenue Earned:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	\$	35,444,052	37,549,763	8,855,788	9,876,119	10,559,886
Urban-Suburban Services	\$	96,043	93,650	22,795	22,637	26,025
Other Services (e.g. charter)	\$	4,800,162	5,671,131	1,472,811	1,832,482	1,599,181
Fare Passengers Carried:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	No.	10,647,462	10,090,809	2,391,076	2,798,716	2,739,855
Urban-Suburban Services	No.	239,459	234,629	56,069	60,030	62,615
Other Services (e.g. charter)	No.	417,076	676,131	164,948	173,109	180,478
Vehicle Miles:						
Intercity & Rural Services*	miles	36,590,795	36,966,512	8,837,869	9,601,346	9,867,109
	km	58 887 176	59 491 834	14 223 171	15 451 868	15 879 573
Urban-Suburban Services	miles	133,302	123,701	31,086	26,803	32,961
	km	214 528	199 077	50 028	43 135	53 046
Other Services (e.g. charter)	miles	4,070,057	4,227,701	1,163,646	1,285,032	1,218,051
	km	6 550 121	6 803 825	1 872 706	2 068 058	1 960 263
Fuel Consumed:						
Diesel Oil	gal.	5,980,833	6,127,412r	1,514,639r	1,611,659r	1,593,543
	litres	27 189 405	27 855 766r	6 885 685r	7 326 746r	7 244 389
Gasoline	gals.	7,339	5,235	1,456	1,212	1,184
	litres	33 363	23 797	6 619	5 509	5 382

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.

** One carrier sold his business as of March 1976.

r Revised figures.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), April 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available. Figures have been added showing total distance run and fuel consumed, using the International System of Units. This is the most modern version of the metric system, supported by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. It is the system of units which Canada is adopting.

The following observations apply to the data in this release:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Total distance run in a revenue service includes distance run empty which was necessary to provide the revenue service.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit, April 1977 — Advance Information.

In April, 38 urban transit systems collected 101,075,168 initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 29,545,907 miles (47 549 528 km) and their operating revenues amounted to \$33,884,365.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or order the April issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Jewellery and Silverware Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The jewellery and silverware industry shipped \$302.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 4.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 4.6% to \$121.1 million, the number of employees decreased 3.2% to 7,042 and total salaries and wages increased 7.4% to \$61.8 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Jewellery and Silverware Industry, 1975* (47-211, 70¢).

Oilseeds, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Crushings of oilseeds for April, with oil produced and meal produced (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 114,753 (19,454; 90,382).
- Rapeseed: 104,114 (42,839; 59,690).

For further information, order the April issue of *Oilseeds Review* (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Orthopaedic and Surgical Appliance Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Orthopaedic and surgical appliance manufacturers shipped \$12.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 31.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 29.3% to \$9.8 million, the number of employees increased 19.9% to 482 and total salaries and wages increased 21.6% to \$4.47 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975* (47-206, 70¢).

Clock and Watch Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Clock and watch manufacturers shipped \$71.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 6.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 6.0% to \$30.0 million, the number of employees decreased 9.4% to 1,363 and total salaries and wages increased 2.4% to \$11.8 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975* (47-206, 70¢).

Feed Industry, 1975 — Advance Information.

The feed industry shipped \$1,256.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 10.2% to \$257.1 million, the number of employees increased 0.7% to 9,260 and total salaries and wages increased 11.6% to \$91.3 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Feed Industry, 1975* (32-214, 70¢).

Chemical and Mineral Process Plant Indexes, 1st Quarter, 1977

First-quarter figures for the Chemical and Mineral Process Plant Indexes are now available. For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Union Wage Rate Indexes, including selected pay supplements, are now available for April.

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Financial Flow Accounts, Volume 1, Quarterly Flows 1962-1975 (13-562, \$7.50)

Wholesale Trade, Business Establishments, General Statistics, 1971 Census of Canada (97-725, \$1.40)

Agriculture, Crops on Census-farms, 1976 Census of Canada (96-851, \$4.25)

Building Permits, March 1977 (64-001, 70¢/\$7)

Vital Statistics, January-March 1977 (84-001, 35¢/\$1.40)

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, March 1977 (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Service Bulletins:

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 5, Stocks of Unmanufactured Tobacco in Canada, March 31, 1977

Metals and Minerals (41-010, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 5, No. 1, Consumption of Selenium and Tellurium, 1976

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 4, Floor Tiles, April 1977

Provincial Economic Accounts (Experimental Annual Data), 1961-1974.

Since 1973 Statistics Canada, in co-operation with the provinces, has been working on the development of regional economic accounting in Canada. It is making available today a partial set of Provincial Accounts showing the Provincial Gross National Product and the Gross Provincial Expenditure both at market prices, by province, as well as the details of Government Revenue, Expenditure and Surplus or Deficit, by level of government — all series covering the period 1961 to 1974 inclusive.

The project, undertaken in the Gross National Product Division, was to complement work already done by the provinces, help provinces that had not started such projects, develop provincial measures for the provinces that did not want to produce their own, and in the process provide estimates that would be comparable from one province to another as well as to Canada as a whole. Working in support of the project, and actively contributing, has been a Federal-Provincial Committee under the Chairmanship of Guy Leclerc, Assistant Chief Statistician, Economic Accounts and Integration Field.

This document "Provincial Economic Accounts (Experimental Annual Data), 1961-1974" may be the first ever released by Statistics Canada containing "experimental" data, that is, data that are expected to be revised for methodological and conceptual reasons, as well as on routine statistical grounds.

Its release is meant to make the public aware of the development of regional economic accounting in Canada. It is directed particularly at the growing number of economists, statisticians and other researchers familiar with national accounting, and suggestions and advice from these sources, based on actual use of the data, are expected to contribute largely to their future improvement and extension.

Copies of the report may be obtained free of charge from the Gross National Product Division of Statistics Canada (contact L. Grand at 613-995-0511). The data is also available on CANSIM — please call Mrs. D. Day (613-995-7406).

Further information on this subject is available from J.S. Wells, Director-General, System of National Accounts (Current), Joel Dena, Project Leader or from any Regional Advisory Office.

Tuberculosis Statistics, 1975 — Advance Information.

Tuberculosis incidence of new active and reactivated cases for the year 1975 totalled 3,552 compared to 3,770 in 1974. The rate per 100,000 population was 15.6 for 1975 compared to 16.8 in 1974. Out of 3,552 tuberculosis cases reported in 1975, there were 1,015 cases in immigrants residing in Canada. In 1974 out of 3,770 tuberculosis cases, 1,036 were immigrants.

Pending publication of *Tuberculosis Statistics: Morbidity and Mortality, Facilities and Services*, 1975 (82-212, \$2.10), advance information is available from A. Bourdon (613-995-0864), Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Commercial Failures, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary figures show that failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts totalled 920 in the first quarter of 1977 compared with 655 in the corresponding period of 1976. Estimated total liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$107,244,169, down from \$917,817,621 in January-March 1976.

For further information, order the first quarter issue of *Commercial Failures* (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact R. R. Rotor (613-996-6631), Chief, Financial Institutions Section, Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, April 1977 — Advance Information.

In April, packers, dealers and tanners held 276,764 cattle hides, up from 275,573 a year earlier. Cattle hide receipts increased to 156,817 from 126,760 and wettings decreased to 166,438 from 214,412.

For further information, order the April issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Manufacturers of Mixed Fertilizers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of mixed fertilizers shipped \$142.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 26.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 3.7% to \$36.4 million, the number of employees increased 1.4% to 1,169 and total salaries and wages increased 18.3% to \$12 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Mixed Fertilizers, 1975* (46-220, 70¢).

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Earnings and Work Experience, 1975

Selected tables on the earnings and work experience and incomes of unemployed individuals and families from the Survey of Consumer Finances are now available for the year 1975. These tables update 1971 data published in reports catalogue numbers 13-552 and 13-554 and 1973 unpublished data, available on request.

For further information, contact Mrs. A. Paoliello (613-992-4742), Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Wholesale Trade, 1971 Census of Canada (97-723, \$1.40)

Exports by Commodities, March 1977 (65-004, 80¢/\$8)

Agriculture, Livestock and Poultry on Census Farms, 1976 Census of Canada (96-852, \$3)

Housing Starts and Completions, January 1977 (64-002, 55¢/\$5.50)

Shoe Factories and Boot and Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975 (33-203, 70¢)

Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1975 (63-205, 70¢).

Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, March 1977 (46-003, 30¢/\$3)

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, May 1977 (32-009, 30¢/\$3)

Weekly Security Price Indexes

May 1977.— Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	May 27/77 This week	May 20/77 Week ago	Apr. 29/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	98.5	100.2	99.7
Industrials	85	96.7	99.1	99.4
Foods	9	84.1	86.5	85.6
Alcoholic beverages	5	72.4	72.7	74.2
Textiles and clothing	3	113.4	111.3	109.2
Pulp and paper	7	120.1	123.9	129.5
Printing and publishing	5	95.5	98.5	96.6
Primary metals	4	102.0	103.8	104.6
Industrial mines	6	87.6	90.9	92.4
Metal fabricating	9	201.2	204.9	183.3
Non-metallic minerals	4	86.3	86.4	85.9
Petroleum	8	91.1	93.6	94.3
Chemicals	5	105.2	105.0	104.8
Construction	5	236.7	237.6	228.3
Trade	15	77.6	78.4	79.9
Utilities and services	28	98.8	99.0	95.2
Transportation	6	132.3	131.4	126.4
Pipelines	5	87.9	88.3	84.3
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	96.1	97.7	98.8
Telephone	4	101.8	101.3	97.4
Electric power	3	120.4	123.1	118.0
Gas distribution	5	74.5	75.5	72.7
Finances	21	106.9	107.8	107.9
Banks	8	108.2	109.0	110.3
Investment and loan	9	103.8	104.4	101.4
Insurance	4	104.7	106.6	105.6
Mining Index	17	107.2	110.7	110.1
Gold	9	191.2	201.4	200.1
Base metals	8	66.9	67.3	67.0
Uraniums	2	187.7	186.0	181.9
Primary oils and gas index	5	104.9	105.3	104.7

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Relationship Between Foreign Control and Industrial Concentration for the Leading(1) 40 Manufacturing Industries, 1972

S.I.C.	Industry	Unconsolidated Enterprises(2)		Value of Industry Shipments		Percentage of Shipments By Leading 8 Enterprises	Percentage of Leading 8 Enterprises Shipments Foreign Controlled
		Total	Foreign Controlled Number	Total (\$Millions)	Foreign Controlled %		
3230	Motor vehicles	17	13	4,034	X	98	100
2710	Pulp and paper mills	65	35	3,128	49	53	29
1011	Slaughtering and meat processors	415	10	2,551	14	62	X
3651	Petroleum refining	14	13	2,362	X	95	X
3250	Motor vehicle parts and accessories	171	72	1,903	93	65	100
2910	Iron and steel mills	35	14	1,901	14	91	0-10
2513	Sawmills and planing mills	1,463	46	1,894	35	28	49
1040	Dairy products	498	14	1,574	32	46	56
3150	Misc. machinery and equipment	710	211	1,454	75	22	100
2950	Smelting and refining	14	7	978	23	96	21
1089	Miscellaneous food processors	231	57	906	72	51	X
3042	Metal stamping and pressing	479	51	879	63	48	80-90
2860	Commercial printing	2,072	29	860	16	28	20-30
3350	Communications equipment	191	59	756	48	67	40-50
1620	Rubber products	86	35	723	90	76	100
2890	Publishing and printing	565	9	680	4	66	0
1060	Feed industry	601	11	667	26	39	54
2431	Men's clothing factories	428	14	621	16	20	60
2441	Women's clothing factories	573	13	607	5	12	0
1650	Plastics fabricating	542	72	595	50	22	X
3050	Wire and wire products	233	50	561	39	55	32
3090	Miscellaneous metal fabricating	458	98	558	45	24	48
1072	Bakeries	1,705	11	540	35	48	61
3360	Electrical industrial equipment	134	55	526	85	62	90-100
1031	Fruit and vegetable canners and preservers	170	18	523	66	56	80-90
2619	Household furniture	638	9	493	9	21	X
3210	Aircraft and aircraft parts	91	16	487	83	80	90-100
1093	Breweries	7	2	485	X	100	20-30
3783	Industrial Chemicals (organic)	25	19	483	X	83	X
3740	Pharmaceuticals and medicines	126	51	463	87	42	100
2740	Miscellaneous paper converters	187	43	453	58	46	70-80
3020	Fabricated structural metal	134	8	450	13	53	X
1020	Fish products	258	19	444	34	55	40-50
1092	Distilleries	14	7	443	34	95	30-40
3799	Miscellaneous chemicals	280	86	434	X	43	X
3380	Electric wire and cable	17	10	433	39	95	37
1530	Tobacco products	11	7	421	X	100	X
1091	Soft drink	301	12	413	52	56	86
3782	Industrial chemicals (inorganic)	37	27	401	84	70	80-90
3320	Major Appliances	27	9	397	70	86	74
Total — 40 Leading Industries		14,023	1,342	38,481	54.2	62.3	60.1
Total — All 170 Manufacturing Industries		28,435	2,484	56,171	51.8	64.0	58.5

1. Ranked on the basis of industry shipments.

2. Unconsolidated enterprises are groupings of all establishments under common control which are classified to the same industry.

X: Figures are confidential.

Structural Aspects of Foreign Control, 1972 — Advance Information.

The accompanying two tables provide preliminary information from a forthcoming new occasional report expected to be published later this year. This report outlines the extent of foreign control in the leading eight enterprises at the detailed industry level. It outlines the role of foreign-controlled enterprises among the leading 100, 500 and 1,000 enterprises. It also measures the extent of industrial diversification by Canadian and foreign firms, the importance of enterprises operating more than one plant in an industry, and provides various other summary mea-

sures comparing the structure of foreign and Canadian-controlled firms in Canada.

For further information, order *Structural Aspects of Domestic and Foreign Control in the Manufacturing, Mining and Forestry Industries in Canada, 1970 and 1972* (31-523, \$2.80 estimated price), or contact John McVey (613-995-1073), Multinational Enterprises Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.
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The Importance of the Leading Consolidated* Enterprises in the Manufacturing, Mining and Forestry Industries by Control, 1972

Control Categories	Groups of Consolidated Enterprises				Total
	Top 100 (1-100)	Next 400 (101-500)	Next 500 (501-1,000)	Remaining (1,001-29,812)	
Total Foreign and Canadian Controlled:					
Number of Consolidated Enterprises	100	400	500	28,812	29,812
Number of Establishments	2,032	1,999	1,159	29,717	34,907
Average Number of Industries**	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.0	1.1
Value Added (\$ Billions)	12.5	6.4	2.2	6.1	27.2
Shipments (\$ Billions)	29.4	13.9	4.7	13.4	61.4
Employment ('000's)	673.0	403.0	165.7	564.0	1,805.7
Total Foreign Controlled:					
Number of Consolidated Enterprises	66	281	227	1,052	1,626
Number of Establishments	1,158	1,340	483	1,227	4,208
Average Number of Industries**	6.0	2.7	1.7	1.1	1.6
Value Added (\$ Billions)	6.9	4.7	1.0	0.9	13.5
Shipments (\$ Billions)	17.4	10.0	2.1	2.0	31.5
Employment ('000's)	361.6	276.1	71.5	71.0	780.2
Total Canadian Controlled:					
Number of Consolidated Enterprises	34	119	273	27,760	28,186
Number of Establishments	874	659	676	28,490	30,699
Average Number of Industries**	7.6	2.4	1.5	1.0	1.0
Value Added (\$ Billions)	5.6	1.7	1.2	5.2	13.7
Shipments (\$ Billions)	12.0	3.9	2.6	11.4	29.9
Employment ('000's)	311.4	126.9	94.2	493.0	1,025.5

* Consolidated enterprises are aggregations of all establishments under common control while unconsolidated enterprises are aggregations of establishments under common control which are classified to the same industry. Thus, a consolidated enterprise may be comprised of several unconsolidated enterprises or industry components if it had operations in more than one industry. The leading consolidated enterprises are ranked on the basis of their aggregate value added.

** This is the average number of four-digit S.I.C. industries in which the consolidated enterprise has operations or the average number of unconsolidated enterprises operated.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January-April
(millions of dollars)

	1976	1977
Prince Edward Island	42.1	38.8
Nova Scotia	37.8	40.4
New Brunswick	40.5	39.8
Quebec	410.0	382.2
Ontario	856.9	825.3
Manitoba	298.7	267.8
Saskatchewan	1,101.2	889.6
Alberta	711.2	730.9
British Columbia	125.9	126.9
Canada	3,624.3	3,341.7

Farm Cash Receipts, January-April 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-April period of 1977 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$3,341.7 million compared to \$3,624.3 million realized during the corresponding period of 1976. These estimates included: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments

made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January-April issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in March to 572,100,000 feet board measure (1 350 006 m³) from a revised 452,504,000 feet board measure (1 067 790 m³) in March 1976. Stocks on hand at the end of March totalled 1,289,792,000 feet board measure (3 043 570 m³).

For further information, order the March issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, April 1977 — Advance Information.

New motor vehicles sold in April reached 127,310 units, down 5.8% from a year earlier. This included 76,934 passenger cars (down 11.2%) and 29,490 commercial vehicles (down 9.2%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 19,533 passenger cars (up 32.1%) and 1,353 commercial vehicles (up 10.7%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value decreased 1.0% to \$787.8 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$689.2 million (down 4.2%) and commercial vehicles for \$225.1 million (down 6.5%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 30.5% to \$92.2 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 11.8% to \$6.4 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 406 units of coaches and buses valued at \$10.7 million.

Seasonally-adjusted April sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased 12.0% from March to 63,164 units and those of passenger cars from overseas decreased 2.0% to 16,992 units. Similarly-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were down 15.5% to 26,265 units.

For the first four months of 1977, total sales reached 446,986 units (402,380 in 1976), with an accumulated value of \$2,802.8 million. This represented an increase of 16.5% in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$40,554,698 in April compared to \$39,880,775 in April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Telephone Statistics, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenues of \$291.6 million in April, up 9.8% over April 1976. Operating expenses were \$209.1 million, an increase of 16.1%. Net operating revenue amounted to \$82.5 million, a decrease of 3.5% from April 1976.

Telephone toll messages increased 4.4% to 77.2 million in the latest month.

For further information, order *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$1.50 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Television Receiving Sets, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of television sets in April were 20,757 colour sets and 2,331 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 23,342 and 5,667.

For further information, order the April issue of

Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Household Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of household furniture shipped \$695.4 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 2.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 0.4% to \$360.4 million, the number of employees decreased 3.4% to 27,147 and total salaries and wages increased 5.5% to \$226.1 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Household Furniture Manufacturers, 1975* (35-211, \$1.05).

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January-April 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to April 1977 were valued at \$323.3 million, a decrease of 8.9% from the January-April 1976 figure of \$355.0 million. Repair parts for the latest period had a value of \$47.0 million compared with \$46.4 million in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Stoves and Ranges, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in April increased 9.2% to 37,658 units from 34,473 units in April 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased 3.5% to 92,407 units from 89,302.

For further information, order the April issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 4, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 4 was 275,224 short tons (249 679 t), a decrease of 3.0% from the preceding week's total of 283,783 short tons (257 444 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 274,674 tons (249 180 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 150.2 in the current week, 154.9 a week earlier and 149.9 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Department Store Sales by Regions, April 1977 (63-004, \$1.50 a year)

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, May 1977 (32-012, 30¢/\$3)

Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, March 1977 (32-004, 40¢/\$4)

Wool Production and Supply, 1976 (23-205, 35¢)

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, May 1, 1977 (32-010, 30¢/\$3)

Motor Vehicle Shipments, April 1977 (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Hardboard, April 1977 (36-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Gypsum Products, April 1977 (44-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Restaurant Statistics, April 1977 (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50)**Service Bulletins:**

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, April 1977: No. 17, Oil Filters and Cartridge; No. 18, Builders and Shelf Hardware

Road Transport (53-006, \$2.80), Vol. 6, No. 3, Road Motor Vehicles — Registrations, 1975

Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

	Apr. 1977*	Mar. 1977*	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	% Change	
					Apr./77 Mar./77	Apr./77 Apr./76
General wholesale index	556.0	553.7r	510.6	506.5	0.4	8.9
Vegetable products	518.2	511.6r	456.0	456.1	1.3	13.6
Animal products	555.1	551.7r	561.2	552.7	0.6	-1.1
Textile products	472.9	473.8r	429.3	426.8	-0.2	10.2
Wood products	772.5	774.1r	676.5	676.9	-0.2	14.2
Iron products	588.3	587.1r	562.3	551.8	0.2	4.6
Non-ferrous metals including gold	488.9	490.3r	431.9	423.8	-0.3	13.2
Non-metallic minerals	466.6	461.1r	426.2	425.1	1.2	9.5
Chemical products	405.9	404.9r	387.3	383.7	0.2	4.8
Summary indexes						
Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold	642.3	642.4r	591.7	580.1	—	8.6
Raw and partly manufactured goods	529.4	528.3r	480.8	475.6	0.2	10.1
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	569.6	566.7r	526.4	522.4	0.5	8.2

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), April 1977 — Advance Information.

The general wholesale price index rose 0.4% in April to 556.0 from the revised March level of 553.7. The index was 8.9% higher than in April 1976 when it stood at 510.6. Five major group indexes increased and three declined.

The vegetable products group index increased 1.3% in April, reflecting price increases of 5.1% for rubber and its products, 1.5% for tea, coffee and cocoa and 17.0% for potatoes. The animal products group index rose 0.6%, largely due to increases of 2.7% for livestock, 1.5% for milk and its products and 16.8% for lard and tallow. Partially offsetting these increases were declines of 2.3% for fish and 2.6% for cured meats.

Increases were also noted in April for non-metallic minerals (1.2%), iron products (0.2%) and chemical products (0.2%). The non-ferrous metal products group index declined 0.3%, and 0.2% decreases were registered for the textile products and wood products group indexes.

Railway Operating Statistics, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$30.0 million in March, more than double the \$12.7 million realized a year earlier. Operating revenues rose 13.9% to \$303.4 million while operating expenses increased 7.8% to \$273.5 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles rose 6.9% in March 1977; freight train miles were higher by 2.8%; and freight car-

miles showed a gain of 5.8%. Passenger-miles were also up, increasing 9.8% from March 1976. This gain was entirely due to passenger-miles generated in intercity movements as non-commuter services actually declined by 24.5%. (It should be noted that the operations of "Go Transit" are not included in these statistics).

During the first quarter of 1977, railway operating revenues were 11.2% above the year-earlier level; expenses were up 8.9%; and net income at \$37.6 million was nearly double that of the January-March 1976 period. Cumulative freight ton-miles were up 1.8% but passenger-miles showed a decline of 1.2%.

For further information, order the March issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Iron Ore, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian mines shipped 4,021,668 short tons of iron ore in April compared to 5,254,722 short tons in April 1976. This brought the four-months output to 9,386,776 short tons in 1977 from 10,288,410 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

June 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	June 3/77 This week	May 27/77 Week ago	May 6/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	98.0	98.5	100.2
Industrials	85	95.6	96.7	99.8
Foods	9	82.9	84.1	87.2
Alcoholic beverages	5	72.3	72.4	74.2
Textiles and clothing	3	111.3	113.4	109.9
Pulp and paper	7	118.4	120.1	129.5
Printing and publishing	5	95.6	95.5	98.2
Primary metals	4	102.6	102.0	105.1
Industrial mines	6	86.1	87.6	91.5
Metal fabricating	9	193.1	201.2	189.9
Non-metallic minerals	4	86.3	86.3	87.3
Petroleum	8	90.8	91.1	95.3
Chemicals	5	103.7	105.2	105.7
Construction	5	231.1	236.7	231.3
Trade	15	77.5	77.6	79.4
Utilities and services	28	99.2	98.8	96.5
Transportation	6	131.7	132.3	129.0
Pipelines	5	88.9	87.9	86.6
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	95.2	96.1	97.5
Telephone	4	102.5	101.8	97.6
Electric power	3	121.7	120.4	119.1
Gas distribution	5	74.6	74.5	73.5
Finances	21	108.2	106.9	108.2
Banks	8	109.9	108.2	110.7
Investment and loan	9	103.9	103.8	101.5
Insurance	4	104.7	104.7	106.2
Mining Index	17	106.6	107.2	112.5
Gold	9	191.5	191.2	206.2
Base metals	8	65.9	66.9	67.6
Uraniums	2	183.0	187.7	186.6
Primary oils and gas index	5	105.5	104.9	104.8

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Manufacturers of Miscellaneous Electrical Products, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of miscellaneous electrical products shipped \$378.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 6.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 3.0% to \$220.7 million, the number of employees decreased 2.1% to 11,744 and total salaries and wages increased 7.3% to \$107.5 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Miscellaneous Electrical Products, 1975* (43-210, 70¢).

Particle Board, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 46,070,000 square feet (4 279 000 m²) 5/8" (15.9 mm) basis of particle board in April compared to a revised 53,247,000 square feet (4 947 000 m²) in April 1976, a decrease of 13.5%.

For further information, order the April issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Manufacturers of Small Electrical Appliances, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of small electrical appliances shipped \$247.9 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 6.9% to \$152.7 million, the number of employees decreased 15.3% to 7,132 and total salaries and wages decreased 6.2% to \$66.7 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Small Electrical Appliances, 1975* (43-203, 70¢).

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Canada's Balance of International Indebtedness, 1974
— Advance Information.

Canada's balance of international indebtedness rose by \$3.7 billion to \$35.3 billion at the end of 1974. This represented a record annual increase, surpassing the previous high of \$2.1 billion in 1973. The balance of international indebtedness represents the amount by which Canada's outstanding liabilities or obligations to other countries exceed Canada's assets or claims against other countries. Canada has traditionally been a net debtor as the accumulated stock of liabilities acquired over the years has consistently been larger than that of assets. The net indebtedness of Canada to investors in other countries has shown an almost uninterrupted growth from its post-war low of \$4.0 billion in 1949.

Not only net indebtedness, but also gross assets and gross liabilities registered record absolute increases in 1974, with gross assets rising \$4.4 billion to \$37.5 billion and liabilities expanding \$8.1 billion to \$72.8 billion. Assets and liabilities both rose about 13% over 1973. For assets this corresponded with the average annual growth rate during the previous five years, while for liabilities the rate of increase was much higher than the 8% annual average recorded during the years 1969 through 1973. Among the assets, the major contributors to the advance were short-term receivables with an increase of \$1.8 billion and direct investment with a rise of \$1.5 billion. On the liabilities side, foreign direct investment provided a sizeable growth of \$3.4 billion while government bonds and short-term payables each increased by \$1.5 billion.

Since 1926, the year from which regular official estimates of Canada's international investment position have been published, Canada's gross external assets have grown at an average annual rate of 7% while gross external liabilities have expanded at a rate of 5%. Canada's net international indebtedness, which rose from \$5.1 billion to \$35.3 billion during the period 1926 to 1974, registered an average annual increase of 4%.

The items in Canada's balance of international indebtedness, excluding net official monetary assets and miscellaneous short-term receivables and payables, have been allocated geographically. On this basis, the total value of Canada's gross assets in the United States at the end of 1974 amounted to \$8.4 billion, unchanged from the previous year. This was the net result of a decrease in short-term holdings of foreign exchange with United States residents by the chartered banks offset by an impressive rise of \$1.0 billion in direct investment (including undistributed profits). Gross liabilities to the United States grew 11%, or \$4.9 billion, following a 9% rise in 1973, and Canada's net indebtedness to the United States rose to \$41.4 billion. There was an expansion of \$2.9 billion in direct investment, mainly as a result of larger retained

earnings, while United States investors also increased their holdings of Canadian government bonds by \$1.0 billion.

Canada's net indebtedness with the United Kingdom declined 20% to \$1.2 billion at the end of 1974. Assets grew at a faster rate than liabilities as Canadian short-term holdings of foreign exchange with the United Kingdom increased mainly in association with growth of the Euro-dollar market.

Canada's net indebtedness to all other countries fell by almost one-fourth to \$1.9 billion as assets in this group of countries rose 29% to \$8.5 billion. There were expansions in direct investment and, largely from export credits, in miscellaneous assets. A substantial increase in liabilities to this group of countries occurred mainly in government bonds and in non-resident holdings of Canadian dollars in the form of banking deposits.

For further information, contact F. Chow (613-996-2545), Balance of Payments Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

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Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber,
April 1977 — Advance Information.

April production of rubber increased to 41,145,000 pounds (18 662 000 kg) from 27,289,000 pounds (12 377 000 kg) in April 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to 57,071,000 pounds (25 891 000 kg) from 54,095,000 pounds (24 538 000 kg) in April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Footwear Statistics, April 1977 — Advance Information.

April production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,091,714 pairs from 3,730,438 pairs in April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Canada's Balance of International Indebtedness, Selected Year Ends, 1964-1974

Item	1964	1965r	1966r	1967r	1968	1969r	1970r	1971r	1972r	1973r	1974
billions of dollars											
Canada's assets:											
Direct investment	3.3	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.6	5.2	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.8	9.3
Portfolio investment	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.9
Miscellaneous investment(1)	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.9
Government of Canada credits(2)	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.1
Government of Canada subscriptions to international investment agencies	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Canadian long-term investment abroad	7.1	7.6	8.3	9.0	9.9	10.7	11.8	12.8	13.9	16.0	18.8
Net official monetary assets	3.1	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	4.7	5.6	6.0	5.8	5.8
Other Canadian short-term holdings of foreign exchange	1.8	0.8	1.4	1.7	2.2	3.6	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.7
Gross assets(3)	12.0	11.7	12.6	13.6	15.4	17.6	20.1	21.1	22.2	24.7	27.3
Net official monetary assets	3.1	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	4.7	5.6	6.0	5.8	5.8
United States(3, 4)	4.7	4.8	5.7	6.4	7.5	8.6	8.6	7.1	7.2	8.4	8.4
United Kingdom(3, 4)	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.8	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.6
Other countries(3, 4)	1.6	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.5	2.6	4.0	5.0	6.6	8.5
Short-term receivables n.i.e.(5)	0.4	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.8	5.5	7.2	8.4	10.2
Gross assets	12.4	12.9	13.9	15.5	18.2	20.8	23.9	26.6	29.4	33.1	37.5
Canada's liabilities:											
Direct investment	16.0	17.4	19.0	20.7	22.5	24.4	26.4	27.9	29.6	32.8	36.2
Government bonds	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.8	6.8	7.8	7.9	8.1	9.4	9.9	11.4
Other portfolio investment	4.8	5.1	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.8	8.6	9.1
Miscellaneous investment	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.5
Foreign long-term investment in Canada	27.5	29.6	32.1	34.7	38.0	41.6	44.0	46.2	50.0	54.6	60.2
Non-resident equity in Canadian assets abroad	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.4
Official SDR liabilities	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total long-term liabilities	29.0	31.2	33.7	36.5	39.9	43.9	46.9	49.5	53.0	58.1	63.9
Non-resident holdings of Canadian dollars	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	2.1
Gross liabilities(3)	29.6	31.9	34.4	37.1	40.7	44.7	47.7	50.5	54.1	59.4	66.0
United States(3)	23.1	25.1	27.4	29.7	32.4	35.2	37.4	39.1	41.1	44.9	49.8
United Kingdom(3)	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.8
Other countries(3, 6)	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.4	5.4	6.0	6.7	8.1	9.1	10.4
Short-term payables n.i.e.(5, 7)	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4
Finance company obligations	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.6	4.1	5.4
Other	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4
Gross liabilities	32.8	35.3	37.9	40.8	44.4	48.8	52.1	55.1	58.9	64.7	72.8
Canada's international indebtedness:											
Net indebtedness	20.4	22.4	24.0	25.3	26.2	28.0	28.2	28.5	29.5	31.6	35.3
Net official monetary assets	-3.1	-3.3	-2.9	-2.9	-3.3	-3.3	-4.7	-5.6	-6.0	-5.8	-5.8
United States	18.4	20.3	21.7	23.4	24.9	26.6	28.9	32.0	33.9	36.5	41.4
United Kingdom	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.5	1.2
Other countries	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	2.6	3.8	3.3	2.7	3.1	2.5	1.9
Short-term n.i.e.	2.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	0.8	0.9	0.5	-0.9	-2.4	-3.1	-3.4

(1) Includes export credits by government and private sectors less reserve against government inactive assets.

(2) Includes medium-term non-marketable United States government securities held under the Columbia River Treaty arrangements since 1964.

(3) Excludes short-term receivables and payables.

(4) Excludes net official monetary assets.

(5) Country distribution not available.

(6) Includes international financial agencies.

(7) Since the end of 1964 certain finance company obligations, previously classified as long-term investments, are shown as part of short-term liabilities.

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Industrial Chemicals, April 1977 — Advance Information.

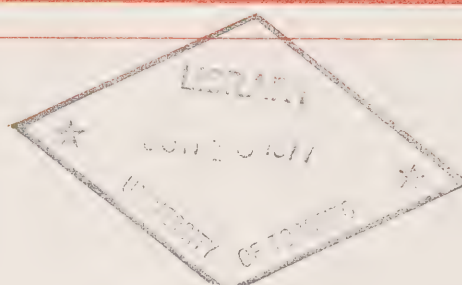
Manufacturers shipped 63,014,571 pounds (28 582 928 kg) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in April compared to a revised 51,677,860 pounds (23 440 681 kg) in April 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Specified Chemicals* (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact

Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Investment Statistics (61-007, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 3, No. 2, Capital Expenditures in the Petroleum and Natural Gas and Allied Industries in Canada, 1956-1977

Retail Trade, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for April were \$5,032.9 million, an increase of 0.2% from the \$5,020.9 million recorded in March. Sales rose in 16 of the 28 trade groups. Book and stationery stores (17.4%) and sporting goods and accessories stores (10.1%) showed the largest increases while specialty shoe stores (-18.5%) had the largest decrease. Six of the 10 provinces registered increased sales from March, ranging from 3.7% for Manitoba to 0.2% for Newfoundland. The largest decline occurred in Saskatchewan (-4.6%) while Nova Scotia remained unchanged.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$5,154.5 million in April, an increase of 6.5% over April 1976. Sales were up in 24 of the 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by used car dealers (27.5%) and book and stationery stores (22.9%). All provinces except Saskatchewan (-1.2%) reported increased sales over April 1976, ranging from a high of 9.0% for British Columbia to 0.9% for New Brunswick. Montreal sales rose 5.0%; Toronto 7.5%; Winnipeg 8.8%; and Vancouver, 6.1%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for March was \$4,679.5 million, up 10.7% from March 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary statistics for April show that 2.0 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 1.7% from April 1976. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 3.2 million, an increase of 11.0% over April 1976. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. decreased 2.1% to 75,200 while Canadian travellers returning from these countries increased 6.7% to 148,100.

For further information, order the April issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Airport Activity, 1976 — Advance Information.

Scheduled enplaned and deplaned passengers at Toronto International Airport increased 9.9% to 5,339,878 in the last six months of 1976 from 4,859,078 in the corresponding period of 1975.

Similar figures for Montreal Mirabel and Dorval airports combined show an increase of 6.0% to 3,472,973 in the last six months of 1976 from 3,276,959 passengers in the corresponding period of 1975.

Monthly airport activity statistics for the top 50 airports in Canada are now available for the last six months of 1976. The airport tables, and further information can be obtained by calling Mr. W.J. Benoit (613-995-9897), Airport Activity Survey, Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0N9.

Sugar Sales, May 1977 — Advance Information.

For May, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 93 431 990 kilograms (205,982,309 lbs.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 85 879 983 kilograms (189,332,983 lbs.) and export sales totalled 7 552 007 kilograms (16,649,326 lbs.).

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 5,714,437 phonograph records in April, up from 5,025,164 in April 1976. Production of pre-recorded tapes (8 track cartridges and cassettes only) decreased to 1,107,955 from 1,256,431.

For further information, order the April issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin* (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Fish Freezings and Stocks, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance data on Fish Freezings and Stocks for the month of April are now available.

For further information, order the April issue of *Fish Freezings and Stocks* (24-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Mineral Production, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian production of metals in April and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 135,661 troy ounces (137,551) — 561,097 troy ounces (563,335).
- Silver, 3,840,966 troy ounces (3,722,053) — 15,201,101 troy ounces (14,142,885).
- Primary copper, 55,412 short tons (63,292) — 284,501 short tons (259,852).
- Primary nickel, 22,899 short tons (23,521) — 94,605 short tons (92,645).
- Refined lead, 18,898 short tons (17,588) — 74,927 short tons (73,696).
- Refined zinc, 51,963 short tons (46,437) — 210,383 short tons (168,410).

For further information, order the April issues of: *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50); or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

1975 Census of Manufactures — Selected Principal Statistics of the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, by Province*

Province	No. of Establish- ments	Production and related workers			Manufacturing Activity		Value of shipments of goods of own manu- facture	Value added
		Number	Man- hours paid '000	Wages	Cost of fuel and elec- tricity	Cost of materials and sup- plies used '000		
Newfoundland	270	10,164	22,011	97,086	26,139	418,747	650,008	208,030
Prince Edward Island	117	1,817	3,817	13,090	2,234	74,173	108,562	34,132
Nova Scotia	689	27,895	57,564	247,063	51,332	1,139,514	1,819,094	675,705
New Brunswick	559	22,348	47,234	211,698	77,788	1,041,867	1,669,422	583,162
Quebec	9,375	394,333	813,089	3,520,808	537,335	13,664,166	23,969,342	9,959,518
Ontario	12,244	612,399	1,263,844	6,312,633	791,471	25,557,998	44,427,319	18,364,390
Manitoba	1,215	41,057	83,830	373,209	50,260	1,537,285	2,580,985	1,014,619
Saskatchewan	653	13,995	28,584	143,740	22,622	719,195	1,176,473	437,152
Alberta	1,821	45,781	94,635	491,988	65,828	3,131,381	4,726,466	1,581,096
British Columbia	3,131	101,712	198,384	1,255,032	180,058	3,884,150	7,328,476	3,286,568
Yukon	8	29	60	263	26	1,092	2,123	1,016
Northwest Territories	17	186	394	1,788	225	7,301	11,438	3,900
Canada	30,099	1,271,716	2,613,446	12,668,398	1,805,318	51,176,870	88,469,709	36,149,287

	Total Activity				Total cost of materials, supplies and goods for re-sale \$'000	Total value of shipments and other revenue	Value added
	Working owners and partners	Administrative, office and other non-manufactur- ing employees	Total employees	Salaries and wages			
	Number	Salaries \$'000	Number				
Newfoundland	97	2,762	34,592	12,926	131,677	483,206	222,495
Prince Edward Island	40	536	5,017	2,353	18,107	88,736	36,741
Nova Scotia	177	9,367	114,576	37,262	361,639	1,309,148	2,014,327
New Brunswick	125	6,660	81,267	29,008	292,965	1,180,840	1,833,915
Quebec	2,377	137,565	1,852,113	531,898	5,372,921	16,143,988	26,925,070
Ontario	2,777	237,491	3,357,109	849,890	9,669,742	32,762,052	53,360,922
Manitoba	318	13,945	168,213	55,002	541,422	1,820,632	2,929,090
Saskatchewan	154	5,218	64,541	19,213	208,281	803,718	1,278,960
Alberta	290	18,751	247,969	64,532	739,957	3,414,951	5,066,789
British Columbia	612	35,251	546,374	136,963	1,801,405	4,365,636	7,907,676
Yukon	5	9	108	38	371	1,159	2,249
Northwest Territories	5	34	480	220	2,268	8,048	13,175
Canada	6,977	467,589	6,472,357	1,739,305	19,140,755	62,382,114	102,188,503

*Preliminary figures.

For further information, contact Mr. D. Wilson (613-996-4991), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas, 1975* (31-203, \$2.80).

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Rigid Insulating Board, April 1977 (36-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, April 1977 (43-004, 30¢/\$3)

Oils and Fats — Manufacturers' Sales

April 1977 — Advance Information

	Margarine		Shortening*		Salad Oil	
	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes	'000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Retail Sales						
1977	20,618	9 352	4,025	1 826	6,654	3 018
1976	19,738	8 953	4,734	2 147	6,457	2 929
Commercial Sales						
1977	1,670	757	11,871	5 385	1,692	767
1976	2,443	1 108	12,618	5 723	1,307	593
Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers:						
1977	11,145	5 055	2,516	1 141	6,254	2 837
1976	11,610	5 266	2,442	1 108	4,505	2 043
Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers:						
1977	—	—	14,005	6 353	4,469	2 027
1976	—	—	12,376	5 614	6,004	2 723

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the April issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

The Consumer Price Index, May 1977.

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.8% to 159.2 in May from 157.9 in April. One-half of the increase was attributable to a 1.4% rise in the food index, the fifth successive month in which this index has registered a relatively-sharp advance. Higher housing charges, including those for household operation items, were responsible for close to an additional one-quarter of this latest advance. While the food index registered a 1.4% rise, the index for all items excluding food increased 0.5%. Between May 1976 and May 1977, the total CPI advanced 7.6%.

The 1.4% increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for beef products (up 4.6% on average), for fresh produce, coffee, sugar and butter. Lower prices for restaurant meals — resulting mainly from the introduction of higher sales tax exemption levels on meals in two provinces — partially offset these increases. The index for food consumed at home (up 1.7% in the latest month) has now increased 8.0% in the six-month period between November 1976 and May 1977, following a period of relative price stability.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation as well as higher prices for furniture and other household items accounted for a significant proportion of the 0.5% rise in the index for all items excluding food. Other important contributing factors included widespread price increases for beer and liquor, barber and hairdressing services and garden supplies and slightly higher prices for new automobiles.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 1.0% in the latest month while that for services rose 0.4%. Between May 1976 and May 1977, the price level of services increased 9.4% while that for goods advanced 6.4%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.6% from April to May. This included a 1.1% rise in the food index and a 0.5% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

In May, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was 10.4%.

Fruit and Vegetable Production, June 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance information is now available on the latest area, production and value for fruits and vegetables. For further information, order the June issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, 40¢/\$3), or contact Karen Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Publishing, 1975 — Advance Information.

Establishments primarily engaged in publishing shipped \$392.0 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 21.6% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 16.2% to \$244.8 million, the number of employees increased 4.5% to 9,182 and total salaries and wages increased 17.3% to \$92.8 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975* (36-203, \$1.40).

Publishing and Printing, 1975 — Advance Information.

Establishments primarily engaged in publishing and printing shipped \$1,002.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 12.3% to \$740.9 million, the number of employees increased 2.4% to 33,562 and total salaries and wages increased 13.7% to \$391.0 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975* (36-203, \$1.40).

Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components

(1971=100)

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Relative importance(1)	Indexes			% Change		% Contribution to total change	
		1977		1976	Apr. 1977	May 1977 from		May 1976
		May	Apr.	May		May 1976	Apr. 1977	
All Items	100	159.2	157.9	148.0	0.8	7.6	100	100
Food	27	177.2	174.7	167.0	1.4	6.1	50	22
All items excluding food	73	152.8	152.0	141.4	0.5	8.1	50	78
Housing	33	160.0	159.1	145.8	0.6	9.7	23	42
Clothing	9	140.0	139.5	131.3	0.4	6.6	4	8
Transportation	15	153.0	152.7	141.7	0.2	8.0	4	16
Health and personal care	4	154.8	152.7	144.1	1.4	7.4	7	4
Recreation, education and reading	6	141.6	140.7	135.2	0.6	4.7	5	4
Tobacco and alcohol	6	143.0	141.7	135.4	0.9	5.6	7	4
Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar	—	0.63	0.63	0.68				
All-items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100		212.4						

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,243 units in April, up from 25,477 in April 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,450 units compared to 5,385. Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 22,728 units compared to 20,962. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 505 units compared to 561.

For further information, order the April issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Slaughtering and Meat Processors, 1975 — Advance Information.

Slaughtering and meat processors shipped \$3,828.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 11.7% to \$746.3 million, the number of employees increased 0.5% to 32,993 and total salaries and wages increased 16.0% to \$391.0 million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Slaughtering and Meat Processors, 1975* (32-221, 70¢).

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, June 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at June 1 amounted to 74.2 million pounds compared with last year's total of 51.1 million pounds.

For further information, order the June issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*

	All items		Food		All items excluding food	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1973						
May	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7
June	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.5
July	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.5
August	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.6
September	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.6
October	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5
November	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6
December	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.8
1974						
January	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
February	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.7
March	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.8
April	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.9
May	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.6	1.2	1.3
June	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.2
July	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6
August	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7
October	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
November	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
December	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.8
1975						
January	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
February	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
March	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.9	0.8
April	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
May	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8
June	1.5	1.2	3.2	2.8	0.8	0.7
July	1.4	1.1	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
August	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8
September	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	0.8
October	0.9	1.1	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.1
November	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
December	0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.7
1976						
January	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
February	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.6
March	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.7
April	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.7	0.7
May	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.7
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.4
July	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.5	0.6	0.5
August	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	0.8	0.7
September	0.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	1.0	1.0
October	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9
November	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
1977						
January	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.7
February	0.9	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.5	0.6
March	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1
April	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5
May	0.8	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.5

*For some elaboration of methodology, see appendix I(a) of *Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010)*.

**Seasonally adjusted data are revised annually using updated seasonal adjustment factors. For more information, refer to appendix II, *Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010)*.

Railway Carloadings

10 Day Period Ended May 31

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	3,971,002	2,941,264	6,912,266
Short tons, 1976	3,921,040	2,390,083	6,311,123
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 602 432	2 668 270	6 270 702
Metric tonnes, 1976	3 557 108	2 168 247	5 725 355
% change	1.3	23.1	9.5
Cars, 1977	62,248	43,781	106,029
Cars, 1976	60,491	37,805	98,296
% change	2.9	15.8	7.9
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	192,971	55,277	248,248
Short tons, 1976	174,248	73,392	247,640
Metric tonnes, 1977	175 060	50 146	225 206
Metric tonnes, 1976	158 075	66 580	224 655
% change	10.7	-24.7	0.2
Cars, 1977	5,895	2,801	8,696
Cars, 1976	5,747	3,065	8,812
% change	2.6	-8.6	-1.3
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	53,450,365	45,144,626	98,594,991
Short tons, 1976	51,829,388	40,198,374	92,027,762
Metric tonnes, 1977	48 489 355	40 954 516	89 443 871
Metric tonnes, 1976	47 018 830	36 467 351	83 486 181
% change	3.1	12.3	7.1
Cars, 1977	869,553	682,382	1,551,935
Cars, 1976	869,124	626,210	1,495,334
% change	—	9.0	3.8
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	3,357,898	1,205,577	4,563,475
Short tons, 1976	2,779,290	1,061,547	3,840,837
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 046 234	1 093 681	4 139 915
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 521 329	963 019	3 484 348
% change	20.8	13.6	18.8
Cars, 1977	102,666	52,537	155,203
Cars, 1976	92,669	44,695	137,364
% change	10.8	17.5	13.0

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended May 31, 1977 —
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Loadings of Canadian rail freight totalled 6.9 million short tons (6.3 million t) in the last 10 days of May, an increase of 9.5% over the similar 1976 period. East of the Lakehead traffic rose 1.3% while in the West loadings advanced by 23.1%. The total number of cars loaded in Canada at 106,029 was up 7.9% and average short tons per loaded car rose to 65.2 from 64.2.

Trailer-container freight (piggyback), while registering an increase of 10.7% in the East, declined 24.7% in the West, resulting in only a marginal over-all gain of 0.2%.

In the first five months of 1977, rail carload traffic was 7.1% ahead of the 1976 pace at 98.6 million short tons (89.4 million t). Piggyback movements were up 18.8% in the latest period.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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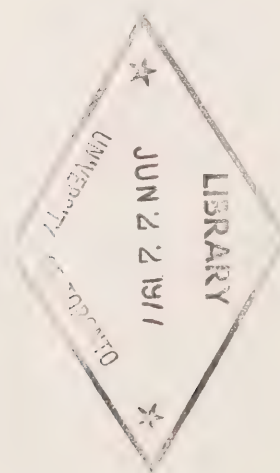
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Electric Power Statistics, February 1977 — Advance Information

In February, net generation increased to 26.6TW.h from 25.1 TW.h in February 1976.

Hydro generation decreased 5.0% while thermal production increased 34.9%.

For further information, order the February issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Metal Rolling, Casting and Extruding, 1975 — Advance Information

The metal rolling, casting and extruding industries shipped \$232.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 16.0% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 16.6% to \$88.4 million, the number of employees decreased 6.2% to 4,573 and total salaries and wages increased 5.1% to \$46.4 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Metal Rolling, Casting and Extruding, 1975* (41-215, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 11, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 11 was 287,527 short tons (260 840 t), an increase of 4.5% from the preceding week's total of 275,224 short tons (249 679 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 279,658 short tons (253 701 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 156.9 in the current week, 150.2 a week earlier and 152.6 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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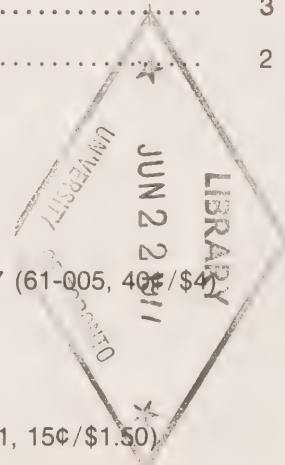
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Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, April 1977 (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Fruit and Vegetable Preparations, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977 (32-017, 35¢/\$1.40)

Railway Carloadings, April 1977 (52-001, 30¢/\$3)

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Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes (47-004, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 4, Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, April 1977

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 a year), Index to Service Bulletin-IND-SB (11) — Energy Statistics

The Labour Force, May 1977.

Employment increased in May while unemployment declined and Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped back to 7.9% from 8.3% in April. The rate in May 1976 was 7.0%.

The adjusted employment level reached 9,749,000 in May, up 86,000 from April. The unemployment level was estimated at 841,000, down 29,000 from April.

The adjusted employment level for women aged 25 and over rose a substantial 50,000 in May. For women 15 to 24 the level increased 6,000. Increases of 15,000 occurred both among men 25 and over and men 15 to 24.

The adjusted unemployment level decreased for all major age-sex groups — by 11,000 for men 25 and over, by 7,000 for women 25 and over, by 4,000 for men 15 to 24 and by 7,000 for women 15 to 24.

Seasonally-adjusted May unemployment rates for the provinces, with April rates in brackets: Newfoundland 14.7% (16.8%); Prince Edward Island 10.6% (9.7%); Nova Scotia 10.6% (11.2%); New Brunswick 12.2% (13.0%); Quebec 10.0% (9.8%); Ontario 7.3% (7.4%); Manitoba 6.1% (6.7%); Saskatchewan 5.7% (5.5%); Alberta 4.2% (4.3%); and British Columbia 7.8% (9.1%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the May labour force was 10,645,000 with 9,822,000 employed and 824,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 7.7%. In April, the labour force was 10,340,000 with 9,425,000 employed and 914,000 unemployed for a rate of 8.8%. In May 1976, the labour force was 10,285,000 with 9,576,000 employed and 708,000 unemployed for a rate of 6.9%.

For further information, order the May issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

(see graph on next page)

Manufacturers of Plastics and Synthetic Resins, 1975 — Advance Information.

Manufacturers of plastics and synthetic resins shipped \$456 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 16.1% to \$184.3 million, the number of employees increased 0.7% to 4,683 and total salaries and wages increased 12.7% to \$64.5 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturers of Plastics and Synthetic Resins*, 1975 (46-211, 70¢).

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Advance information on canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for April containing data on pack, shipments and stocks of selected fruits and vegetables is now available.

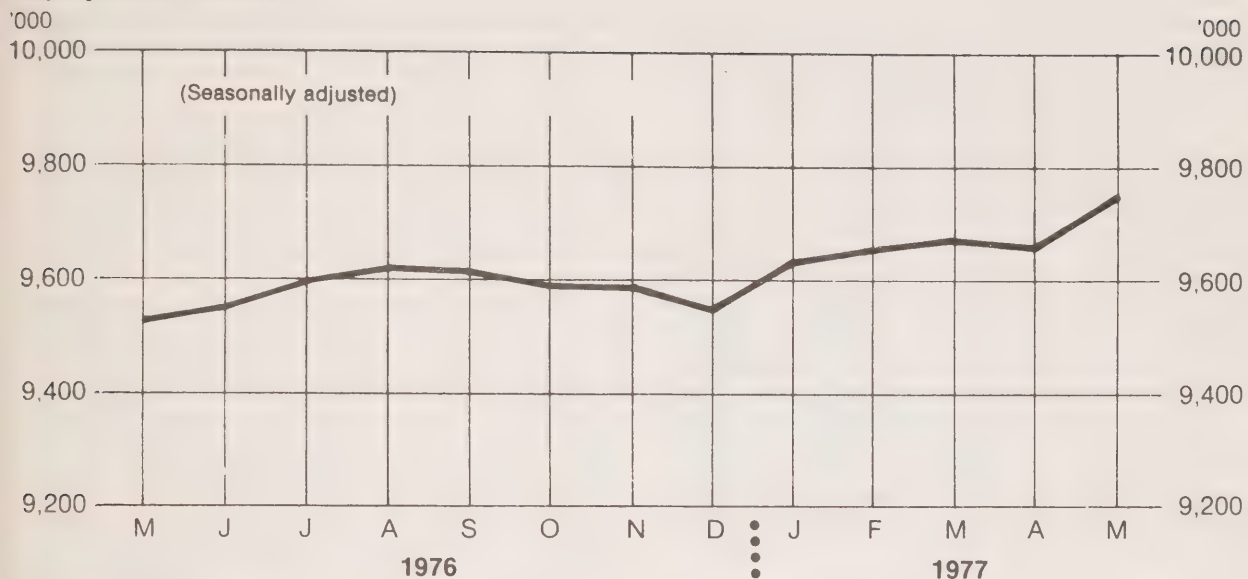
For further information, order the April issue of *Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables — Monthly* (32-011, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Copper and Copper Alloy Rolling, Casting and Extruding, 1975 — Advance Information.

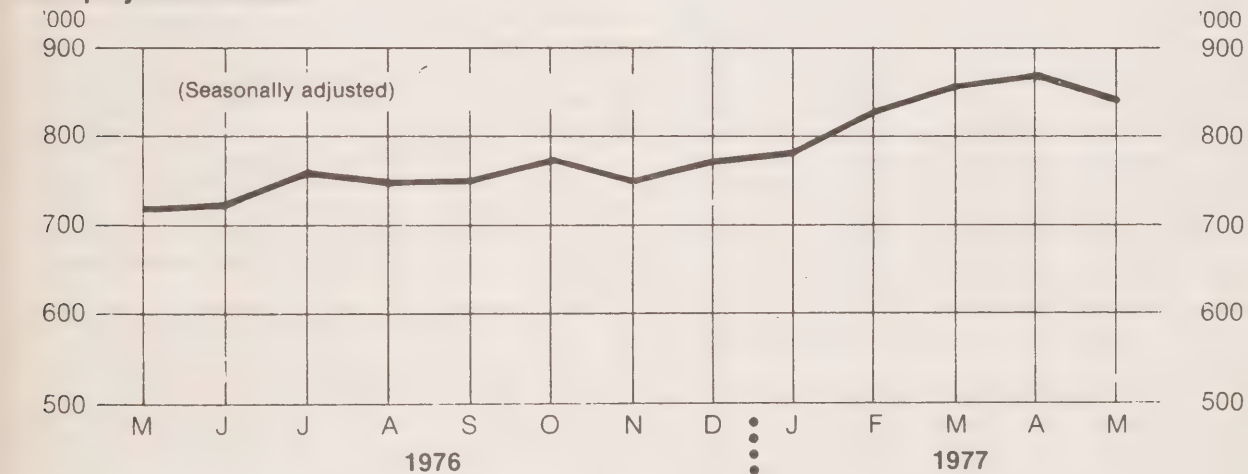
The copper and copper alloy rolling, casting and extruding industries shipped \$319.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 35.3% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 25.2% to \$68.3 million, the number of employees decreased 14.3% to 3,240 and total salaries and wages decreased 6.5% to \$38.7 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Copper and Copper Alloy Rolling, Casting and Extruding*, 1975 (41-224, 70¢).

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Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for May was 1,235,209 short tons (1 120 563 t). Preliminary pig iron production for May was 910,291 short tons (825 802 t).

For further information, order the May issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, First Quarter 1977.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis the deficit on current account fell to \$841 million in the first quarter of 1977. This was \$251 million less than in the previous quarter. With the exception of the third quarter of 1976, it was the smallest quarterly deficit recorded since the fourth quarter of 1974. Merchandise exports rose an extraordinary 12% while imports showed a sharp increase of 8%; the resulting surplus of \$780 million was almost double that for the preceding quarter.

The strength of exports was mainly concentrated in sales of automotive products, aluminum, lumber and iron ore. Sales of crude petroleum, newsprint, nickel and barley were down. There was an increase of 15% in exports to the United States, Canada's major trading partner, which recorded a rate of growth of more than 5% in Real Gross National Product in the first quarter of 1977 despite one of the most severe winters on record. Exports to Japan rose 13% and to the European Economic Community only 2%. The major increases recorded in export prices were for rapeseed, asbestos, primary iron and steel, nickel and newsprint. Prices of wheat and barley were lower than in the previous quarter.

The growth rate for imports was the highest since the first quarter of 1974 and followed slight growth in the last quarter of 1976. On a commodity basis the largest increases in imports occurred in automotive products, chemicals, beverages, agricultural and industrial machinery. There were reductions in imports of wearing apparel, coal, crude petroleum and non-ferrous metals. Both the U.S. and Japan showed an increase of 10% in the value of their sales to Canada. The level of purchases from the European Economic Community remained practically unchanged. For all other countries an increase of 5% was recorded. The major increases recorded in import prices were for the groupings of cocoa, coffee and tea, vegetables, fruits, textiles and crude petroleum. Prices declined for coal and sugar.

This quarter's increase in the surplus on merchandise trade was partially offset by an expansion of \$164 million in the deficit on services. The deficit on travel increased about \$100 million as payments continued to rise while receipts remained steady. An increase of about \$50 million in interest payments was more than offset by a reduction of almost \$75 million in dividend payments. Freight and shipping, other service transactions and withholding tax together contributed \$85 million to the increase in the deficit on services. The deficit on goods and services taken together dropped nearly \$250 million. The surplus on transfers increased about \$10 million.

Total capital movements, unadjusted for seasonal variations, produced a net capital inflow of \$810 million during the first quarter of 1977, about 30% less than in the last quarter of 1976. This capital inflow represented just over half the size of the unadjusted current account deficit and Canada's official reserves were reduced by \$766 million.

Interest differentials between Canada and the U.S. narrowed during the quarter, reducing the advantage to Canadians to borrow funds abroad and to non-residents to invest in Canadian debt instruments. Some easing of monetary conditions in Canada was reflected in a decline in short-term interest rates

following a reduction in the Bank rate in February, the third such reduction in slightly more than two months. There was little change, however, in the covered yield differential between Canada and the United States on short-term paper; throughout the quarter representative rates indicated a slight incentive to invest in Canada on a covered basis.

Following its decline and temporary recovery towards the end of 1976, the Canadian dollar depreciated substantially against the majority of international currencies during the first quarter of 1977. It reached a low of 106.11 Canadian cents per U.S. dollar in March, its lowest level since being unpegged at the end of May 1970.

The net capital inflow was more than accounted for by transactions in long-term forms which produced a net inflow of \$1,010 million. New issues of Canadian securities raised \$1,428 million, which was substantially less than in the previous quarter but was still high by historical standards prior to the last quarter of 1975. Other forms of portfolio investment produced a net outflow of \$237 million, \$24 million less than the net outflow in these forms in the previous quarter. Direct investment in Canada was estimated at a net inflow of \$135 million in the first quarter of 1977. This represented a substantial swing from the net outflows recorded for this item in each of the last two quarters of 1976 when there were very large purchases by Canada of existing foreign direct investments in Canada. The net outflow for Canadian direct investment abroad was estimated at \$170 million for the first quarter of 1977, about \$45 million more than in the previous quarter. Other long-term capital movements combined to produce a net outflow of \$146 million as loans and subscriptions of the Government of Canada of \$187 million and export credits of \$92 million at its direct or indirect risk, more than offset miscellaneous transactions.

Capital movements in short-term forms produced a net outflow of \$200 million, a swing of \$246 million from the net inflow recorded in the preceding quarter. Canadian holdings of short-term funds abroad increased \$357 million, with about half of this increase in the form of claims of Canadian chartered banks on non-residents (including their foreign branches). The net increase in Canadian holdings of short-term funds abroad represented a swing of nearly \$1 billion from the net inflow in these forms in the previous quarter. There was also a decrease of \$73 million in non-resident holdings of Canadian dollar deposits, a turnaround of nearly \$400 million from the net inflow in this form in the final quarter of 1976. Trading in money market paper swung by nearly \$240 million to produce a net inflow of \$178 million in the first quarter of 1977.

A substantial reduction occurred in the size of the balancing item, representing unidentified transactions, which shifted to a presently estimated credit (apparent inflow) of about \$175 million. In the last quarter of 1976, a period during which a long-predicted substantial downward shift occurred in the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar, the balancing item was estimated at an apparent outflow of around \$1.85 billion. Under those circumstances it was not surprising for a substantial unrecorded apparent outflow to occur.

Financial Institutions

First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

	1st Quarter 1977	Change From Same Period a Year Earlier		Amount Change from 4th Quarter 1976
	\$'000	Amount \$'000	%	\$'000
Trust Companies				
Mortgages	14,695,849(1)	2,310,447	21.0	500,313
Total Assets	20,918,281(1)	3,342,819	21.4	1,155,101
Demand Deposits	3,762,205(1)	495,355	17.5	222,084
Term Deposits	15,141,381(1)	2,429,323	21.3	809,648
Mortgage Companies				
Mortgages	6,736,672(1)	1,154,395	17.2	199,530
Total Assets	8,128,426(1)	1,497,195	18.1	292,551
Demand Deposits	438,019(1)	100,455	13.6	19,506
Term Deposits	4,655,953(1)	827,346	16.3	79,229
Mortgage Investment Trust Corp's.				
Mortgages	770,683	162,353	26.7	62,574
Total Assets	1,398,279	344,885	32.8	130,109
Sales Finance and Consumer Loan Companies				
Retail Financing				
Industrial and Commercial	2,153,903	79,395	3.9	-116,099
Consumer Business	2,301,694	99,400	4.5	-42,114
Wholesale Financing	2,075,704	114,423	5.8	297,316
Small Loans Act	223,734	-16,529	-6.9	-13,314
Other Personal Loans	1,564,134	15,451	1.0	-4,095
Total Assets	11,283,147	618,490	5.8	186,259
Mutual Funds (Cost)				
Canadian Preferred Shares	97,325	-25,729	-20.2	-7,737
Canadian Common Shares	1,065,160	-104,398	-9.2	-5,748
Foreign Pref. and Common Shares	431,441	-90,588	-18.7	-39,234
Total Assets	2,908,487	-37,985	-1.3	123,848
Total Portfolio — Cost	2,794,493	-45,819	-1.6	100,174
— Market	2,898,227	13,018	—	114,657
Fire and Casualty Ins. Co's.				
Net Premiums	1,004,255	190,878	23.5	-24,850
Underwriting Gain	55,156	113,442	...	139,039
Total Assets	6,876,026	1,130,859	19.7	183,173
Closed-End Funds (Cost)				
Canadian Common Shares	355,144	10,692	3.0	7,587
Total Portfolio — Cost	497,415	18,029	3.6	4,614
— Market	700,600	47,792	6.8	18,685
Finance Leasing Corp.				
Lease Contracts	723,425	78,346	12.2	6,015
Total Assets	1,048,221	188,846	22.2	-6,271

Further information will be contained in the Statistics Canada Publication *Financial Institutions*, First Quarter 1977 (61-006, \$1.40/\$5.60).

(1) Large changes due mainly to a mortgage company now included in a consolidated return in the Trust Industry. The Changes From Previous Periods have been corrected to account for this consolidation.

Preliminary Monthly Report of Petroleum Sales, April 1977

(Thousands of Barrels)

	Motor Gasoline	Aviation Turbo Fuel	Kerosene and Stove Oil	Diesel Fuel	Light Fuel	Heavy Fuel	Other Products	Total Products
Newfoundland	274	83	74	301	278	293	102	1,405
Prince Edward Island	77	2	18	22	88	77	6	290
Nova Scotia	561	59	93	183	619	960	68	2,543
New Brunswick	438	30	59	158	622	1,155	-353	2,109
Quebec	4,171	493	260	1,008	3,025	2,873	508	12,338
Ontario	6,114	642	101	1,421	2,533	1,879	2,338	15,028
Manitoba	722	102	48	306	79	66	67	1,390
Saskatchewan	905	45	30	446	69	1	107	1,603
Alberta	1,899	240	21	930	36	-18	414	3,522
British Columbia	1,832	258	76	854	528	743	421	4,712
Northwest Territories	17	32	9	52	29	—	8	147
Yukon	21	3	15	25	18	—	2	84
Canada	17,031	1,989	804	5,706	7,924	8,029	3,688	45,171
Canada 1976	17,471	1,922	957	5,678	8,182	7,900	3,435	45,545
% change 1977/1976	-2.6	3.4	-16.0	0.5	-3.2	1.6	7.4	0.8

Refined Petroleum Products, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 47,841,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in April, an increase of 0.01% compared to the latest available data for April 1976 (47,796,000).

Preliminary data shows that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 45,171,000 barrels, a decrease of 0.09% from the April 1976 figure (45,545,000).

For further information, order the April issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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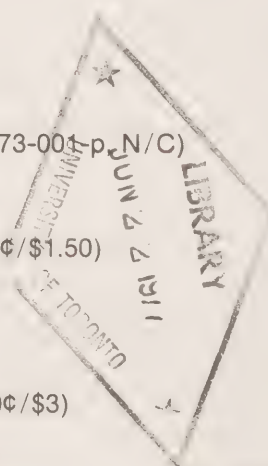
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- Sales Financing, March 1977** (63-013, 30¢/\$3)
- Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics, March 1977** (73-004 p. N/C)
- Urban Transit, April 1977** (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Products Made From Canadian Clays, March 1977** (44-005, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Asphalt Roofing, April 1977** (45-001, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Stoves and Furnaces, April 1977** (41-005, 30¢/\$3)
- Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, April 1977** (33-001, 30¢/\$3)
- Copper and Nickel Production, April 1977** (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Silver, Lead and Zinc Production, April 1977** (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50)
- Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, April 1977** (33-003, 30¢/\$3)
- Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April 1977** (41-006, 15¢/\$1.50)
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Electrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 8, Electric Lamps, April 1977

Railway Transport (52-004, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 4, Railway Carloadings, April 1977

Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products, First Quarter 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily and Informat.

Trade with the United States

Following the strike-related interruption in the last quarter of 1976, a marked improvement occurred in the two-way trade in the first quarter of 1977, with both exports and imports reaching record levels. From the largest seasonally-adjusted deficit of 1976 in the fourth quarter, there was a contraction in the first quarter as the rise in exports surpassed that of imports. The latest deficit compared roughly with the level of the April-September period of 1976.

Over the year, exports of automotive products expanded 32% to \$2,452 million in the first quarter of 1977 from \$1,859 million in the same period of 1976. Almost 60% of the \$593 million gain was due to higher shipments of motor vehicles to help supply the first-quarter surge in purchases by American consumers and businesses. Imports of motor vehicles and parts from the United States totalled \$2,589 million, up 19% from the first quarter of 1976. Close to 55% of the \$412 million rise was accounted for by increased parts imports. The pronounced improvement in the vehicle trade balance was, however, largely responsible for the 57% reduction in the automotive deficit from \$318 million to \$137 million.

Duty-free Trade

The proportion of duty-free imports by each country is a rough measure of the two-way trade under the Canada — United States Automotive Agreement of 1965. About 95%-96% of the Canadian shipments entered the U.S. free of duty in the period 1970 to 1976. The proportion of duty-free imports into Canada was a shade lower at roughly 94%-95%. The drop to 92% in 1974 was caused by a temporary rise in dutiable tire imports on account of labour disputes in the tire manufacturing industry. Practically all passenger cars entered free of duty, while the proportion for automotive parts averaged around 94%-95%.

In a duty-free comparison, the annual balances have been more favorable to Canada than for total automotive trade. For the surplus years 1970-1972, the export balances were slightly better; and in the subsequent deficit period, duty-free balances were smaller than the over-all deficits.

Overseas Trade

Exports of motor vehicles and parts to overseas countries advanced 14.5% from \$129 million in the March quarter of 1976 to \$148 million in 1977. Passenger vehicles accounted solely for the gain, as exports of trucks fell. The rise was concentrated in shipments to oil-producing countries in the Middle East and to Venezuela.

Imports of automotive goods declined slightly to \$230 million from the unusually-high first quarter 1976 total of \$233 million. A decline in automotive parts

imports was counterbalanced by an increase in the value of tire imports from the European Economic Community and Japan.

Passenger Car Imports

The total number of imported cars rose more than 2% from 179,500 units to 183,600 units between the initial quarters of 1976 and 1977. Automobiles from the U.S. and West Germany increased 7.5%-8%, while the numbers from other sources fell. The U.S. share of imported cars rose sharply from 72% to 75.5%, which was, however, lower than 79.5% in the first quarter of 1975. The West German share increased slightly to 5%, but the share of Japanese cars contracted two percentage points to 16.7%.

The strengthening against the Canadian dollar of between 3.5% and 11% in the currencies of the three principal suppliers contributed to raising the unit values of the automobiles. Over-all, the net price increase of foreign-built imports averaged 16%, with the increase for American cars falling slightly below but with the rise for West German vehicles exceeding the average considerably. Basic price increases, the introduction of new product lines and changes in the import mix were other factors affecting the unit values of imported vehicles.

For further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

(see tables on pages 3-4)

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Roundwood production decreased 5.6% to 630,215 cunits (1 783 000 m3) in April from 667,259 cunits (1 887 000 m3) in April 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue decreased 8.1% to 2,194,328 cunits (6 214 000 m3) from 2,388,554 cunits (6 764 000 m3) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased 9.7% to 9,866,965 cunits (27 940 000 m3) from 10,928,886 cunits (30 944 000 m3). Receipts of wood residue decreased 6.4% to 982,729 cunits (2 783 000 m3) from 1,050,189 cunits (2 973 000 m3).

For further information, order the April issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Canada-United States Trade In Automotive Products

	1975	1976	First Quarter		Change Between
			1976	1977	Quarters
			(\$ millions)		
United States Imports from Canada*					
Cars	2,858	3,430	839	1,069	230
Trucks, etc.	932	1,344	326	444	118
Parts	2,045	2,942	664	900	236
Tires and tubes	68	163	30	39	9
Total	5,903	7,879	1,859	2,452	593
Canadian Imports from United States					
Cars	2,184	2,321	519	649	130
Trucks, etc.	942	970	221	275	54
Parts	4,522	5,474	1,398	1,621	223
Tires and tubes	174	115	39	44	5
Total	7,822	8,880	2,177	2,589	412
Balance					
Cars	674	1,109	320	420	100
Trucks, etc.	-10	374	105	169	64
Parts	-2,477	-2,532	-734	-721	13
Tires and tubes	-106	48	-9	-5	4
Total	-1,919	-1,001	-318	-137	181
Excluded: retroactive adjustments to imported parts from U.S. for special tooling charges	110	43	19	—	

*A more accurate measurement of trade in automotive products is obtained by comparing the import statistics of each country. Accordingly, figures for Canadian exports are derived from the counterpart U.S. statistics of imports.

Canada-United States Duty-Free Trade in Automotive Products, 1970-1976

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
	(\$ millions)						
United States Imports from Canada							
Cars	1,537	1,930	2,021	2,264	2,510	2,827	3,405
Trucks, etc.	552	566	667	748	835	905	1,299
Parts	1,037	1,394	1,654	2,047	1,820	1,912	2,767
Tires and tubes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Duty-Free	3,126	3,890	4,342	5,059	5,165	5,644	7,471
% of Total Imports	96	96	95	95	95	96	95
Canadian Imports from United States							
Cars	657	958	1,052	1,436	1,628	2,179	2,317
Trucks, etc.	255	336	474	604	848	885	917
Parts	2,003	2,351	2,757	3,362	3,661	4,267	5,182
Tires and Tubes	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
Total Duty-Free	2,915	3,645	4,283	5,403	6,138	7,333	8,416
% of Total Imports	95	95	95	94	92	94	95
Balances							
Free	211	245	59	-344	-973	-1,689	-945
Dutiable	-7	-47	-15	-84	-245	-230	-56
Total Imports	204	198	44	-428	-1,218	-1,919	-1,001

Canada-Overseas Countries Trade in Automotive Products

	1975	1976	First Quarter		Change Between
			1976	1977	Quarters

Canadian Passenger Car Imports

	First Quarter 1976		First Quarter 1977			Change Between Quarters	Exchange Rate*
	Units (000)	Share %	Units (000)	Share %	Volume %	Average Price %	Rate* %
United States	129.0	71.9	139.0	75.7	7.8	15.9	3.5
Japan	33.7	18.8	30.7	16.7	-8.9	6.0	9.7
West Germany	8.5	4.7	9.2	5.0	7.7	18.9	11.1
United Kingdom	2.4	1.3	2.3	1.2	-3.0	14.8	-11.3
France	3.3	1.9	2.1	1.2	-36.5	-15.0	-6.0
Italy	1.3	0.7	—	—	—	—	—
Other Countries	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	-80.4	10.7	—
All Countries	179.5	100.0	183.6	100.0	2.3	16.2	2.6

* Minus (—) sign indicates depreciation in value of currency of the country against the Canadian dollar. Rate for all countries is the rate against the Canadian dollar of the SDR, a weighted average of sixteen major world currencies calculated by the International Monetary Fund.

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, Three Months Ended May 31, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended May 31 show a 10% increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended February 28, 1977 and a decrease of 20% from the comparable period in 1976. In the latest period, the average number of vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs was 42,700*.

Vacancies for full-time jobs increased by 12% to 38,300 from 34,100 in the preceding period, but longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) decreased by 5% to 12,100.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest three-month period, five were vacant, the same as in the preceding period. The comparable rate last year was six per 1,000.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (nine per 1,000) and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan (both seven per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate (three per 1,000) occurred in Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

* The Job Vacancy Survey provides an estimate of the average number of vacancies available on any given day in a three-month period. The estimate of this three-month average is derived from six observations taken at regular intervals. Consequently, the survey does not cover those vacancies which occur and are filled between individual observations. In addition, the survey does not cover openings in agriculture, fishing, hunting, trapping and households. The data derived from the Job Vacancy Survey, taken over time, are consistent and reliable indicators of trends in job openings. For detailed definitions and design of the survey see Canadian Job Vacancy Survey, Technical Appendix, 1972 (71-521, 50¢).

Vacancy Rates for Part-time and Full-time Jobs Canada and Provinces

	Three-month Periods Ending		
	May 1977 ^p	Feb. 1977	May 1976
	(Rates per 1,000 jobs)		
Canada(1)	5	5	6
Atlantic Provinces(2)	3	3	5
Newfoundland	3	4	4
Nova Scotia	4	2	4
New Brunswick	3	3	7
Quebec	4	4	6
Ontario	5	4	6
Manitoba	7	4	11
Saskatchewan	7	6	9
Alberta	9	10	12
British Columbia	4	3	5

^p Preliminary estimates.

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), or Ms. M. Beaubien (613-996-7148), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Consumer Credit, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$22,498 million at the end of April, 16.0% more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of April 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$17,064 million, up 21.5%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: \$77 million, up 22.2%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,236 million, up 6.4%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$217 million, down 8.0%; large \$1,475 million, down 1.4%; instalment sales paper \$1,110 million, down 0.4%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,319 million, up 2.9%.

Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$6,016 million at the end of the first quarter of 1977, up 18.4% from a year earlier. The largest of such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported balances outstanding of \$3,912 million, up 18.0%. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issuers; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies.)

Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the first quarter of 1977 totalled \$28,174 million, up 17.2% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the April issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1976 — Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for 1976 were valued at \$1,288,796,625, up 16.1% from the 1975 figure of \$1,110,341,162. The value of new machines sold increased 17.4% from \$966,298,960 in 1975 to \$1,134,085,710 in 1976; repair parts for 1976 at \$154,710,915 were up 7.4% from 1975 sales of \$144,042,202.

Further information will be contained in *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1976* (63-203, 70¢). Advance details may be obtained from Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

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Data Available on Contracting Industries, 1975

Now available free of charge is an information bulletin entitled *Selected Financial and Operational Characteristics of Highway, Road and Bridge and Heavy Engineering General Contractors, 1975*. For additional information concerning these industries, contact G. Beauchamp (613-994-9795), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Also available is a bulletin on *Selected Financial and Operational Characteristics of Residential and Non-Residential General Contractors, 1975*. For additional information concerning these industries, contact P. Zylstra (613-994-9795), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

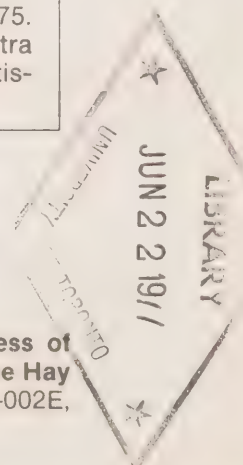
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The Labour Force, May 1977 (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50)

Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 8, June Intended Acreages and Progress of Seeding; Winterkilling and Spring Condition of Winter Wheat, Fall Rye, Tame Hay and Pasture; Rates of Seeding — Available June 17, 1977 at 3 p.m. E.D.S.T. (22-002E, \$5.60 for series of 20)

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Exports by Countries, January-March 1977 (65-003, \$2.10/\$8.40)

Changes to Municipal Boundaries, Status and Names, 1976 (12-201, \$2.10)

Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, January 1977 (56-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Gold Production, April 1977 (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

International Travel, April 1977 (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Telephone Statistics, April 1977 (56-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

Cement, April 1977 (44-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, April 1977 (43-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

Particle Board, April 1977 (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Discuits and Confectionery, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977 (32-016, 35¢/\$1.40)

Service Bulletin:

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 12, Notice to Subscribers

Wholesale Trade, April 1977 — Advance Information. Sales by wholesale merchants for April were estimated at \$4,367,860,000, up 4.3% from \$4,189,694,000 in April 1976.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$7,621,998,000 at the end of April, an increase of 10.7% from \$6,887,935,000 on hand a year earlier.

For further details, order the April issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Shipping Statistics, 1976 — Advance Information.

Preliminary shipping data for the annual publications, *Shipping Reports, Parts I to V*, are now available in advance of the final data released in the regular publications. Part I presents *International Seaborne Shipping (by Country)* (54-202, \$2.80); Part II, *International Seaborne Shipping (by Port)* (54-203, \$1.05); Part III, *Coastwise Shipping* (54-204, \$1.40); Part IV, *Origin and Destination for Selected Ports* (54-206, \$2.10); and Part V, *Origin and Destination for Selected Commodities* (54-207, \$1.05).

Also available are preliminary origin and destination statistics for non-selected ports and non-selected commodities in both international and domestic shipping.

For further information, contact Mr. D. Chartrand (613-996-9274), Chief, Water Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Dairy Factory Production, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of creamery butter decreased 9.5% in May to 26.1 million pounds from 28.9 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production decreased 5.5% to 14.4 million pounds from 15.2 million pounds and production of ice cream mix increased 20.6% to 3.3 million gallons from 2.8 million gallons.

For further information, order the May issue of *Dairy Factory Production* (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, June 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 34.9 million pounds on June 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 80.1 million while stocks of cheddar cheese were up to 60.8 million pounds from 57.4 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 40.5% to 205.7 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased 19.0% to 18.6 million pounds.

For further information, order the June issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Miscellaneous Paper Converters, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous paper converters shipped \$717.3 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 3.9% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 0.5% to \$345.2 million, the number of employees decreased 2.1% to 17,059 and total salaries and wages increased 10.3% to \$178.4 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Paper Converters, 1975* (36-206, 70¢).

Weekly Security Price Indexes

June 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	June 10/77 This week	June 3/77 Week ago	May 13/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	98.4	98.0	99.8
Industrials	85	95.5	95.6	98.8
Foods	9	84.0	82.9	87.1
Alcoholic beverages	5	71.8	72.3	73.4
Textiles and clothing	3	109.1	111.3	110.4
Pulp and paper	7	118.9	118.4	127.2
Printing and publishing	5	92.7	95.6	98.5
Primary metals	4	103.1	102.6	104.1
Industrial mines	6	85.9	86.1	89.8
Metal fabricating	9	190.2	193.1	194.6
Non-metallic minerals	4	85.0	86.3	87.9
Petroleum	8	91.7	90.8	93.9
Chemicals	5	103.8	103.7	104.3
Construction	5	232.0	231.1	234.7
Trade	15	77.3	77.5	78.3
Utilities and services	28	100.6	99.2	97.3
Transportation	6	132.9	131.7	129.4
Pipelines	5	90.2	88.9	86.5
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	99.1	95.2	98.4
Telephone	4	104.8	102.5	99.7
Electric power	3	122.1	121.7	120.5
Gas distribution	5	74.9	74.6	74.1
Finances	21	109.8	108.2	108.7
Banks	8	112.1	109.9	110.7
Investment and loan	9	104.3	103.9	103.5
Insurance	4	105.4	104.7	106.4
Mining Index	17	107.1	106.6	112.3
Gold	9	192.7	191.5	205.0
Base metals	8	66.0	65.9	67.9
Uraniums	2	181.2	183.0	183.9
Primary oils and gas index	5	105.2	105.5	104.7

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars), May 1977

— Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for May amounted to 5.6 billion compared to 5.4 billion for May 1976. Production of cigars was 38.0 million compared to 44.0 million for May 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin* (32-022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Data on Canadian Universities

A report entitled *Canadian Universities — Statistical Bulletin* is now available on request. This bulletin presents summary statistics on enrolments, degrees awarded, full-time teaching staff, university income and expenditures and some advance statistics. For further information, contact N. Dev Uppal or Louise Desramaux (613-995-1105), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Summary of External Trade, April 1977 (65-001, 40¢/\$4)

Industry Price Indexes, January 1977 (62-011, 55¢/\$5.50)

Financial Flow Accounts, Fourth Quarter 1976 (13-002, \$1.75/\$7)

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, January-March 1977 (66-001, \$1.75/\$7)

Department Store Sales and Stocks, March 1977 (63-002, 40¢/\$4)

Primary Iron and Steel, March 1977 (41-001, 40¢/\$4)

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Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, February 1977 (26-006, 30¢/\$3)**Footwear Statistics, April 1977 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)****Miscellaneous Food Preparations, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977 (32-018, 35¢/\$1.40)****Index of Industrial Production**

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1977				% Change
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
Index of Industrial Production	29.497	122.8	122.6	122.7	122.3	-0.3
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	114.8	118.0	116.7	113.6	-2.7
Metal mines	1.584	116.3	118.9	119.1	115.4	-3.1
Mineral fuels	1.492	111.4	117.5	115.6	111.7	-3.4
Non-metal mines (except coal mines)	.363	133.8	132.4	123.1	120.3	-2.3
Manufacturing industries	22.862	121.0	120.4	121.0	121.3	0.2
Food and beverage industries	3.254	112.6	114.2	114.3	114.6	0.3
Tobacco products industries	.212	122.5	118.7	118.0	117.0	-0.8
Rubber and plastics products industries	.650	152.9	149.1	147.1	149.0	1.3
Leather industries	.206	97.3	94.0	90.0	93.8	4.2
Textile industries	.756	109.1	107.3	106.8	107.0	0.2
Knitting mills	.205	102.5	100.8	101.8	102.2	0.4
Clothing industries	.742	110.2	110.2	110.8	111.2	0.4
Wood industries	.968	137.5	131.2	128.7	129.1	0.3
Furniture and fixture industries	.420	112.1	110.4	110.7	110.0	-0.6
Paper and allied industries	1.878	117.8	117.5	115.4	116.1	0.6
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1.123	118.1	117.2	116.4	117.7	1.1
Primary metal industries	1.976	107.6	107.6	111.2	108.5	-2.4
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries)	1.887	121.0	120.7	120.7	119.5	-1.0
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery)	1.008	132.3	130.9	131.5	131.8	0.2
Transportation equipment industries	2.571	133.9	133.1	137.9	136.6	-0.9
Electrical products industries	1.631	116.2	115.0	114.1	117.4	2.9
Non-metallic mineral products industries	.905	115.2	114.3	117.6	121.4	3.2
Petroleum and coal products industries	.394	136.5	139.9	134.3	133.7	-0.4
Chemical and chemical products industries	1.363	139.8	139.8	141.8	143.8	1.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	.713	111.6	111.2	111.7	112.1	0.4
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	148.4	147.1	144.5	141.7	-1.9
Special industry groupings:						
Non-durable manufacturing industries	11.496	119.6	119.5	119.0	119.8	0.7
Durable manufacturing industries	11.366	122.5	121.3	123.0	122.9	-0.1

Index of Industrial Production, April 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined 0.3% to 122.3 in April from 122.7 in March. Manufacturing increased in April, while mining and utilities decreased.

For further information, order the April issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)*, (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

April 1977 — Advance Information

	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	31	2	—	—	33	181	—	—	45	226
Prince Edward Island	2	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	4
Nova Scotia	145	16	15	195	371	202	7	—	39	248
New Brunswick	52	4	—	108	164	121	10	—	216	347
Quebec	1,613	72	112	1,569	3,366	1,263	136	85	1,142	2,626
Ontario	1,805	895	1,064	996	4,760	1,397	504	572	2,238	4,711
Manitoba	270	26	25	99	420	178	57	42	98	375
Saskatchewan	174	14	—	738	926	324	22	78	43	467
Alberta	749	248	967	667	2,631	1,072	92	588	537	2,289
British Columbia	1,042	147	334	765	2,288	822	129	406	824	2,181
Canada	5,883	1,424	2,517	5,137	14,961	5,564	957	1,771	5,182	13,474
Metropolitan Areas										
Calgary	305	38	417	467	1,227	273	46	356	210	885
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	56	—	—	—	56	24	—	—	—	24
Edmonton	248	52	550	82	932	626	26	152	161	965
Halifax	101	16	15	195	327	125	7	—	5	137
Hamilton	183	19	35	3	240	106	48	201	309	664
Hull	17	—	—	24	41	36	8	5	6	55
Kitchener	116	20	21	—	157	174	10	29	—	213
London	134	28	—	—	162	53	18	12	—	83
Montreal	926	58	81	1,143	2,214	748	125	80	1,052	2,005
Oshawa	100	82	100	—	282	22	20	—	156	198
Ottawa	27	16	253	—	296	21	20	—	503	544
Quebec	157	2	—	32	191	123	2	—	—	125
Regina	91	12	—	276	379	94	16	70	—	180
St. Catharines-Niagara	138	56	47	74	315	78	38	31	—	147
Saint-John	28	—	—	12	40	52	6	—	162	220
St. John's	28	—	—	—	28	60	—	—	—	60
Saskatoon	50	2	—	462	514	135	4	—	—	139
Sudbury	48	30	—	—	78	25	4	—	—	29
Thunder Bay	37	—	—	—	37	34	—	35	80	149
Toronto	515	518	574	535	2,142	446	192	201	667	1,506
Vancouver	512	85	279	383	1,259	500	102	347	607	1,556
Victoria	83	18	32	340	473	66	18	55	189	328
Windsor	89	2	—	180	271	55	—	—	76	131
Winnipeg	247	26	—	99	372	140	57	42	98	337
Sub-Total	4,236	1,080	2,410	4,307	12,033	4,016	767	1,616	4,281	10,680
Major Urban Areas	424	66	10	235	735	390	59	17	226	692
Other areas 10,000 +	1,223	278	97	595	2,193	1,158	131	138	675	2,102
All Areas 10,000 +	5,883	1,424	2,517	5,137	14,961	5,564	957	1,771	5,182	13,474

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, April 1977 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending June 7

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	3,002,978	2,339,754	5,342,732
Short tons, 1976	3,091,185	2,005,966	5,097,151
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 724 256	2 122 589	4 846 845
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 804 276	1 819 782	4 624 058
% change	-2.9	16.6	4.8
Cars, 1977	45,512	36,023	81,535
Cars, 1976	47,725	31,739	79,464
% change	-4.6	13.5	2.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	163,996	55,759	219,755
Short tons, 1976	170,765	60,329	231,094
Metric tonnes, 1977	148 775	50 584	199 359
Metric tonnes, 1976	154 915	54 730	209 645
% change	-4.0	-7.6	-4.9
Cars, 1977	4,818	2,328	7,146
Cars, 1976	5,273	2,501	7,774
% change	-8.6	-6.9	-8.1
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	56,544,032	47,672,346	104,216,378**
Short tons, 1976	54,920,573	42,204,340	97,124,913
Metric tonnes, 1977	51 295 883	43 247 625	94 543 508
Metric tonnes, 1976	49 823 106	38 287 133	88 110 239
% change	3.0	13.0	7.3
Cars, 1977	915,179	721,685	1,636,864**
Cars, 1976	916,849	657,949	1,574,798
% change	-0.2	9.7	3.9
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	3,521,894	1,265,281	4,787,175**
Short tons, 1976	2,950,055	1,121,876	4,071,931
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 195 008	1 147 844	4 342 852
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 676 245	1 017 749	3 693 994
% change	19.4	12.8	17.6
Cars, 1977	107,521	54,928	162,449**
Cars, 1976	97,942	47,196	145,138
% change	9.8	16.4	11.9

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

**Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended June 7, 1977 —
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Railways operating in Canada loaded 5.3 million short tons (4.8 million t) of revenue freight in the first week of June, an increase of 4.8% over the same period in 1976. Traffic originating East of the Lakehead declined 2.9% during the latest period while Western loadings were up 16.6%. The total number of cars loaded rose 2.6% to 81,535 from 79,464.

Trailer-container shipments (piggyback) were down 4.9%, with traffic losses recorded in both regions of the country.

From January 1 to June 7, 1977, rail freight loadings at 104.2 million short tons (94.5 million t) registered a gain of 7.3% over 1976. Piggyback movements were up 17.6% from the earlier year level.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, March 1977 —
Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped 265,297,000 square feet (24 647 000 m²) 3/8" (9.525 mm basis) of softwood plywood in March, up from a revised 222,853,000 square feet (20 703 000 m²) in March 1976.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to 44,490,000 square feet (4 132 000 m²) surface measure for March, an increase of 15.5% over March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of *Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods* (35-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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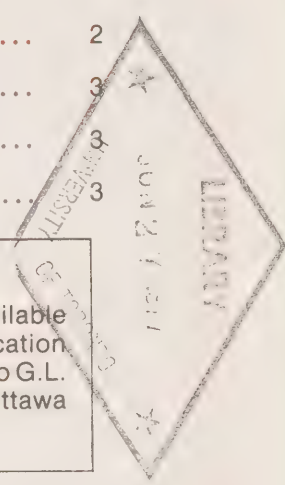
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Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for April are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, May 1977 (62-009, 30¢/\$3)

Merchandising Inventories, March 1977 (63-014, 40¢/\$4)

New Motor Vehicle Sales, April 1977 (63-007, 30¢/\$3)

Expenditures of Provincial Non-profit Industrial Research Institutes, 1975 (13-209, 70¢)

Shipping Statistics, February 1977 (54-002, 30¢/\$3)

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, February 1976 (35-001, 30¢/\$3)

Radio Broadcasting, February 1977 (56-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Breweries, April 1977 (32-019, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, April 1977 (32-021, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, March 1977 (35-003, 30¢/\$3)

Specified Chemicals, April 1977 (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

The Wheat Review, January 1977 (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50)

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, May 1977.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time-period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPI's show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately: for reference see footnote to ensuing tables.

From April to May, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from 0.4% in Winnipeg to 0.8% in six other cities. Higher food prices — notably for beef, fresh produce, coffee, soft drinks, butter and sugar — along with increased shelter charges were major contributors to these increases. Other important factors included higher prices for barber and hairdressing services, seasonal recreation equipment, new cars and for beer and liquor.

St. John's

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.4%.

Main contributors: increased prices for food at home, notably for beef, fresh vegetables, coffee and bread; higher shelter charges and telephone rates. Prices up for cigarettes while those for restaurant meals were down as a result of higher sales tax exemption levels.

Halifax

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.7%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.1%.

Main contributors: higher household operation expenses resulting from increased telephone rates and fuel oil prices; shelter charges also up. Prices also up for coffee, pork products, butter and bread as well as for barber and hairdressing services.

Saint John

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.6%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.3%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for butter, coffee, soft drinks, poultry and restaurant meals; increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation and higher prices for selected clothing items. Telephone rates were down.

Quebec City

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.5%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, coffee and butter; increased prices for beer and liquor and for barber and hairdressing services.

Montreal

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.1%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for beef and coffee. Higher prices for beer and liquor, new cars and for selected clothing items.

Ottawa

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.6%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.9%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, fresh vegetables, coffee and soft drinks. Prices also up for seasonal recreation equipment, men's haircuts and alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises. Movie admission charges were down as were some restaurant meal prices.

Toronto

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.4%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, beef and poultry; higher charges for shelter and household operation; prices up for seasonal recreation equipment and for women's hairdressing services.

Thunder Bay

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.7%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, pork, and fresh produce. Prices also up for women's hairdressing services and for seasonal recreation equipment.

Winnipeg

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.4%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.3%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher household operation expenses; increased prices for fresh produce, coffee, sugar, pork, seasonal recreation equipment and new cars.

Saskatoon

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.5%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.1%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation and higher telephone rates. Automobile insurance premiums up, as were restaurant meal prices.

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Regina

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 9.5%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher telephone and water rates; increased automobile insurance premiums. Prices also up for food consumed at home and for barber and hairdressing services.

Edmonton

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.6%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.6%.

Main contributors: increased prices for domestic gas and increased shelter charges. Higher prices registered for fresh fruit, coffee and beef; prices for alcoholic beverages and for men's wear up.

Calgary

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.7%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.5%.

Main contributors: increased homeownership and household operation charges; higher prices for beef, fresh fruit, coffee and butter. Alcoholic beverages and women's hairdressing services also up.

Vancouver

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.5%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 6.2%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for dairy products, bread, fresh vegetables, coffee and soft drinks. Prices up for new cars, barber and hairdressing services, seasonal recreation equipment and admissions to movies.

(see table on pages 4-5)

Building Permits, April 1977 — Advance Information.

The value of building permits issued in Canada, seasonally adjusted, decreased 11.7% to \$975.6 million in April from a revised \$1,104.6 million in March. In April 1976, the corresponding figure was \$1,040.6 million.

The value of proposed residential construction dropped to \$594.4 million (\$731.6 million in March 1977) when the number of new dwellings authorized decreased, reflecting an annual rate of 225,400 units compared to an unusually-high rate of 289,800 in March. Single-detached houses fell to an annual rate of 109,200 (125,200) and multiple dwellings to a rate of 116,200 (164,600).

Industrial projects, estimated at \$85.1 million, remained practically unchanged compared to March (\$86.5 million), commercial projects increased to \$204.5 million (\$155.8 million) and publicly-initiated construction decreased to \$91.6 million (\$130.8 million).

For further information, order the April issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

(see table on page 6)

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, June 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of June amounted to 118.9 million pounds as compared with 129.2 million last month and 113.9 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the June issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 18, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 18 was 285,318 short tons (258 836 t), a decrease of 0.8% from the preceding week's total of 287,527 short tons (260 840 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 265,315 tons (240 690 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 155.7 in the current week, 156.9 a week earlier and 144.8 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
St. John's								
May 1977 index	164.1	189.8	162.1	134.4	159.1	162.1	136.9	146.9
April 1977 index	162.8	188.7	160.5	133.7	157.9	161.5	136.4	143.9
% change from April 1977	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.4	2.1
% change from May 1976	7.4	5.9	9.9	7.1	8.5	5.0	3.3	5.0
Halifax								
May 1977 index	155.6	176.6	153.2	132.9	156.9	143.6	135.5	140.7
April 1977 index	154.5	175.5	151.3	131.6	157.4	141.4	134.9	140.3
% change from April 1977	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.0	-0.3	1.6	0.4	0.3
% change from May 1976	8.1	6.2	11.3	6.1	8.1	6.0	4.1	7.6
Saint John								
May 1977 index	158.0	183.7	154.4	131.6	153.4	157.0	149.9	133.0
April 1977 index	157.1	181.0	153.9	131.1	153.3	156.3	149.6	133.8
% change from April 1977	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.6
% change from May 1976	7.3	6.2	10.1	6.0	6.2	4.3	5.5	5.6
Quebec City								
May 1977 index	154.8	181.4	146.5	134.7	153.9	148.2	141.0	144.7
April 1977 index	153.6	179.1	146.1	134.8	153.8	145.4	139.8	141.3
% change from April 1977	0.8	1.3	0.3	-0.1	0.1	1.9	0.9	2.4
% change from May 1976	8.5	9.7	9.2	6.3	8.4	8.6	5.5	6.6
Montreal								
May 1977 index	155.9	180.2	143.1	145.7	156.1	151.6	145.0	146.4
April 1977 index	154.7	178.2	142.4	144.9	155.6	149.9	144.3	142.7
% change from April 1977	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.5	2.6
% change from May 1976	8.1	7.4	9.2	9.0	9.0	5.6	5.8	7.6
Ottawa								
May 1977 index	156.6	173.7	153.9	147.7	150.3	152.6	137.3	145.0
April 1977 index	155.6	171.2	153.2	147.3	150.2	151.1	137.2	144.0
% change from April 1977	0.6	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.7
% change from May 1976	7.9	6.6	10.6	8.2	7.1	7.0	3.1	5.0
Toronto								
May 1977 index	155.9	177.4	150.3	137.4	151.0	161.4	142.3	142.0
April 1977 index	154.7	174.4	149.7	136.6	150.8	159.7	141.1	142.3
% change from April 1977	0.8	1.7	0.4	0.6	0.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2
% change from May 1976	7.4	6.4	9.2	5.5	7.8	8.8	3.9	3.9
Thunder Bay								
May 1977 index	158.7	178.8	156.5	131.5	163.8	157.3	140.5	141.0
April 1977 index	157.4	175.0	156.1	131.8	163.5	154.1	139.3	140.7
% change from April 1977	0.8	2.2	0.3	-0.2	0.2	2.1	0.9	0.2
% change from May 1976	7.7	6.4	8.9	5.5	10.1	9.6	4.5	5.1
Winnipeg								
May 1977 index	159.6	176.6	164.9	137.5	150.8	156.7	140.3	141.9
April 1977 index	158.9	175.6	163.9	137.0	150.8	156.6	138.9	141.9
% change from April 1977	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0
% change from May 1976	7.3	4.6	11.8	5.8	6.9	6.1	5.8	2.8
Saskatoon								
May 1977 index	155.6	174.3	152.2	141.7	148.7	146.3	152.6	146.0
April 1977 index	154.8	174.1	151.0	141.2	146.8	146.5	152.3	145.1
% change from April 1977	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	1.3	-0.1	0.2	0.6
% change from May 1976	8.1	5.8	9.3	7.3	10.3	7.5	5.8	11.4
Regina								
May 1977 index	157.4	171.1	156.5	139.1	151.9	155.1	156.8	147.5
April 1977 index	156.1	169.9	155.0	138.8	149.9	152.6	155.9	146.1
% change from April 1977	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.3	1.6	0.6	1.0
% change from May 1976	9.5	7.0	11.5	6.5	11.2	9.5	7.8	11.8

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion (1971=100)	Health and personal care	Recre- ation education and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
Edmonton								
May 1977 index	158.4	170.5	165.7	138.8	156.3	147.4	141.5	135.7
April 1977 index	157.4	170.3	163.6	138.2	156.1	145.7	140.8	133.8
% change from April 1977	0.6	0.1	1.3	0.4	0.1	1.2	0.5	1.4
% change from May 1976	8.6	6.6	11.7	5.7	9.6	7.1	7.6	5.6
Calgary								
May 1977 index	157.1	170.8	158.8	142.5	154.0	152.4	143.4	137.7
April 1977 index	156.0	169.5	157.4	141.9	153.7	149.9	142.9	136.0
% change from April 1977	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.2	1.7	0.3	1.2
% change from May 1976	8.5	5.9	11.7	6.5	8.5	7.4	7.7	6.9
Vancouver								
May 1977 index	160.4	180.5	158.0	140.7	156.4	156.4	137.0	143.7
April 1977 index	159.6	179.3	157.4	141.0	156.0	152.5	135.3	143.4
% change from April 1977	0.5	0.7	0.4	-0.2	0.3	2.6	1.3	0.2
% change from May 1976	6.2	4.8	9.7	4.2	3.8	6.6	4.0	5.5

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 12 of *Consumer Prices and Price Indexes* (62-010, \$1.40/\$5.60).

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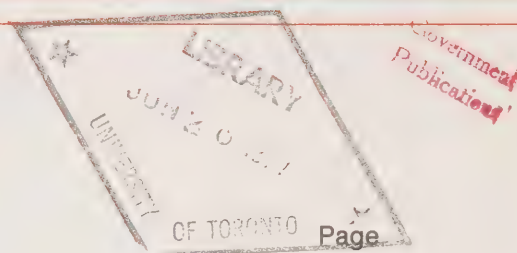
	Number of Dwelling Units			Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction				
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Residen- tial (\$000)	Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
Newfoundland	80	10	90	2,772	51	215	1,513	4,551
Prince Edward Island	106	11	117	4,231	477	672	286	5,666
Nova Scotia	393	172	565	16,005	329	2,150	1,228	19,712
New Brunswick	266	118	384	10,904	89	788	157	11,938
Quebec	3,863	2,222	6,085	168,615	12,301	58,590	9,137	248,643
Ontario	3,804	4,183	7,987	279,001	46,491	46,043	37,845	409,380
Manitoba	422	404	826	24,678	6,087	2,812	3,302	36,879
Saskatchewan	482	79	561	20,891	2,080	9,449	2,721	35,141
Alberta	1,562	2,381	3,943	134,853	9,708	51,213	15,885	211,659
British Columbia	1,327	623	1,950	66,589	7,385	18,428	10,417	102,819
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	5	108	113	2,840	6	87	—	2,933
Canada — Unadjusted	12,310	10,311	22,621	731,379	85,004	190,447	82,491	108,932
Canada — Adjusted	9,105	9,681	18,786	594,386	85,149	204,501	91,956	975,632
Metropolitan Areas	5,673	7,216	12,889	430,650	53,633	133,909	42,848	661,040
Calgary	209	851	1,060	36,048	797	25,541	337	62,723
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	135	28	163	5,534	1,918	532	—	7,984
Edmonton	511	805	1,316	46,637	6,488	7,295	2,186	62,606
Halifax	125	119	244	7,454	15	991	552	9,012
Hamilton	214	213	427	14,542	857	2,202	103	17,704
Hull	53	5	58	2,531	16	954	4,539	8,040
Kitchener	71	85	156	4,526	754	882	713	6,875
London	131	148	279	6,384	3,275	2,840	370	12,869
Montréal	1,274	1,227	2,501	69,147	3,814	42,411	1,168	116,540
Ottawa	199	292	491	18,505	305	2,660	3,906	25,376
Québec	422	307	729	21,737	189	2,735	1,559	26,220
Regina	138	22	160	6,256	954	4,409	847	12,466
St. Catharines-Niagara	166	119	285	8,965	2,547	843	—	12,355
Saint-John	19	4	23	1,000	5	104	61	1,170
St. John's	23	4	27	1,018	—	125	3	1,146
Saskatoon	126	33	159	4,851	425	3,340	956	9,572
Sudbury	133	33	166	5,723	1,122	264	150	7,259
Thunder Bay	62	99	161	4,930	106	180	96	5,312
Toronto	711	1,704	2,415	102,078	25,004	20,890	15,423	163,395
Vancouver	396	316	712	24,067	1,680	10,048	3,392	39,187
Victoria	93	165	258	8,009	209	1,390	2,744	12,352
Windsor	186	340	526	12,231	1,352	952	979	15,514
Winnipeg	276	297	573	18,477	1,801	2,321	2,764	25,363

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Salaries and Qualifications of Teachers in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1972-73 and 1973-74 (81-202, \$1.40)

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Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, April 1977 (41-011, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Gross National Product, First Quarter 1977.

Gross National Product, seasonally adjusted at annual rates, increased 2.2% in the first quarter to a level of \$199.9 billion. Measured in real terms, GNP increased 1.3% after having fallen 0.2% in the last quarter of 1976. The economy swung back to a relatively healthy but narrowly based rate of real growth in the first quarter, largely on the strength of a substantial increase in the value of exports and a consequent improvement in the balance of trade in goods and services. An increase in the real value of government current expenditure also contributed a significant amount to the expansion in real output. But personal expenditure on goods and services, which accounted for almost all of last year's real growth, declined 0.4% in real terms as spending on both semi-durable and non-durable goods fell, and there was little strength in gross fixed capital formation.

Despite increases in the implicit price indexes for a number of major expenditure aggregates, the price of national production as measured by the over-all GNP implicit price index rose only 0.8% in the first quarter. This was primarily because the implicit price index for government current expenditure fell 2.4% after increasing 6.4% last quarter, when large retroactive wage payments were made. Removing these payments gives a better measure of the "underlying" rate of price change in the economy, and on this basis, the government and GNP implicit price indexes increased during the quarter by 1.9% and 1.7%, respectively.

The improvement in the foreign sector balance coincided with a decline in the value of the Canadian dollar against most major foreign currencies, and this movement was equivalent to about half of the very large 6.5% increase in the implicit price index for imports. Higher import prices were in turn partially responsible for an acceleration in the price index for personal expenditure, which increased 2.0% after a 1.1% increase in the fourth quarter of 1976. The exchange rate movement also contributed to the 3.2% increase in the export implicit price index. A large proportion of Canada's exports is priced in U.S. dollars, presumably in part because the prices are set by world markets and not by the Canadian exporter. A rise in the price of U.S. currency in terms of Canadian therefore has the effect of raising the Canadian dollar price of these exports, even though the price to foreign customers has not changed.

The increases in the volume and price level of exports both apparently helped to improve the performance of corporation profits before taxes, which increased 15.6%, and accounted for about two-thirds of the growth in output measured in income terms. The largest percentage increases were in manufacturing and mining — industries that produce commodities experiencing strong export growth in the first quarter — and in wholesale and retail trade. The first quarter increase followed a very weak year in 1976, and the growth in profits from one year ago was only slightly stronger than that in GNP as a whole.

About half of the first quarter change in profits resulted from windfall gains made by selling goods from inventory at prices higher than those that prevailed when they were produced. The inventory

valuation adjustment, which measures these profits, increased in absolute magnitude by \$1.6 billion from the fourth to the first quarter, most of which can be attributed to the corporate sector. The largest changes in inventory profits were in manufacturing and retail trade.

Wages, salaries, and supplementary labour income increased 1.0% in the first quarter. This very low rate of growth is to some extent misleading because it has been distorted by the retroactive wage payments made by governments in the fourth quarter, but after these have been adjusted for, the first quarter rate of growth was 2.3%. Of this, most was a result of an increase in average compensation rather than in employment.

Net income received by farm operators from farm production fell more than 20% during the quarter, which left it at less than half its level of a year ago. There was also a decline of 2.1% in interest, dividends, and miscellaneous investment income. These declines together with the weakness in labour income more than offset relatively large increases in non-farm unincorporated business income and in government transfers to persons, and personal income rose only 1.5% during the quarter. This left it 9.6% above the first quarter of 1976, the lowest year-over-year rate of growth in personal income since the first quarter of 1971.

Because personal income tax collections increased by very nearly as much as personal income in the first quarter, personal disposable income rose only 0.5%. Personal expenditure on goods and services increased 1.6% in current dollar terms, with the result that personal saving as a percentage of personal disposable income fell to 8.5% from 9.5% last quarter.

In real terms, personal expenditure fell 0.4%. Spending on durable goods was up 1.8%, largely as a result of higher real expenditure on automobiles and recreational equipment, and expenditure on services increased 1.9%. Spending on semi-durable goods fell 2.4%, however, and there was a 3.7% decline in expenditure on non-durable goods, which reflected lower real spending on food.

Gross fixed capital formation increased 0.5% in real terms during the quarter, most of which resulted from a 3.5% increase in business investment in non-residential construction. As the *Private and Public Investment in Canada* survey of 1977 intentions suggested, most of this growth was attributable to an increase in engineering expenditure. There was also a modest 0.5% increase in business investment in machinery and equipment, but business investment in residential construction fell 2.0% in real terms, making this the third consecutive quarter in which residential construction activity has declined.

After a moderate amount of stock building last quarter, the real value of the physical change in inventories fell by \$1.0 billion in the first quarter. Much of this decline appears to have resulted from unexpectedly strong export demand.

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Exports of goods and services increased 10.0% in current dollar terms in the first quarter, putting them 17.4% above the level of a year ago. There were substantial increases in exports of automobiles, trucks, aluminum, wheat, and iron ore, with United States demand accounting for most of the growth. Imports increased by a more moderate 7.2%, and as a result, the deficit in trade of goods and services fell to \$3.9 billion from \$4.8 billion in the previous quarter. The service deficit continued to increase, however, largely as a result of further deterioration in the travel account.

In constant dollar terms, exports increased 6.5% while imports grew 0.7%. The very large increase in the implicit deflator for imports reflects the depreciation of the Canadian dollar as well as sharp price increases in fresh fruits and vegetables, coffee, tea and cocoa.

The increase in the real value of exports accounted for most of the first quarter growth, and because of its timing it may appear that the swing in the real growth rate can be linked to the decline in the international value of the dollar. It is not clear, however, that the increase in export value can be attributed completely or even primarily to the exchange rate movement. And the partially offsetting effects of the dollar's loss of value on the service account have yet to be seen in full, because a low level of dividend payments to non-residents in the first quarter masked the increase in debt servicing on foreign currency-denominated liabilities. There is also a danger that the exchange rate fall will in future reduce personal expenditure growth, because of the wealth-reducing impact of higher prices for personal expenditure commodities. This of course may act to hold down growth in imports, but it may also reduce expansion of expenditure on domestically-produced commodities.

Government current expenditure on goods and services increased 1.8% in current dollar terms in the first quarter, while capital expenditure showed little change. Transfer payments to persons were up strongly, with higher provincial payments accounting for much of the 7.8% growth, and there was also an increase in subsidy payments. The net result of these movements was that total expenditure of all levels of government combined, excluding inter-government transfers, rose 3.2% during the quarter.

Total revenue of all levels of government increased 6.4%, of which about 40% was attributable to higher personal direct taxes. Corporate direct tax liabilities also rose sharply in the quarter. As a result, the deficit of all levels of government on a National Accounts basis fell to \$1.3 billion from \$3.5 billion last quarter.

Following usual practice, data from 1971 to 1976 have been revised. A discussion and analysis of the revisions will be provided in the first quarter issue of *National Income and Expenditure Accounts* (13-001, \$1.05/\$4.20) to be released in late July.

Employment, Earnings and Hours (Seasonally Adjusted), April 1977 — Advance Information.

The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite *index of employment (1961=100) for April show a 0.5% increase from March. Except for trade and for finance, insurance and real estate, which declined, all industry divisions advanced. All regions posted gains

except British Columbia, which remained the same.

Average weekly earnings rose 0.9% at the national industrial composite level in April. All industry divisions, excluding finance, insurance and real estate which regressed, and all regions registered gains.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners were unchanged in mining (including milling) and in construction, but decreased in manufacturing. Average hourly earnings advanced in three industry divisions.

**Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours.*

Detailed information for February and March will be published in the April issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

(see tables on pages 4-6)

Seasonally-Adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100).

Starting with this issue of the Statistics Canada Daily, the text and accompanying table on the Canada employment indexes (selected industries) using 1971 as the base year will no longer be published. However, the data will still be available by contacting Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, June 1, 1977 — Advance Information.

Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on June 1 totalled 24.4 million pounds compared with 27.7 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 70.1 million pounds (97.5 million in 1976).

For further information, order the June issue of *Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables* (32-010, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Salaries and Qualifications of Teachers in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1974-75 and 1975-76 — Advance Information.

Advance information from the forthcoming publication (81-202, \$1.40) is now available regarding salaries and qualifications of elementary and secondary teachers for the school years 1974-75 and 1975-76. Requests for information should be specified and forwarded to Miss Michele Meloche (613-995-9795), Elementary-Secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

April 1977

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Employment Index Numbers									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	1977f	1977p	1977p	1977r	1976	1976	1977f	1977p	1977p	1977r
					1961=100					
Industry Division:										
Forestry	56.0	58.2	64.7	65.4	51.4	56.6	78.7	71.9	74.7	72.9
Mining, including milling	119.6	120.7	120.3	119.7	114.0	116.2	124.0	121.8	121.0	121.4
Manufacturing	125.6	124.2	123.4	123.5	128.0	127.1	126.8	126.2	126.5	126.5
Durable Goods	137.0	136.0	135.5	136.1	141.1	139.9	138.0	137.7	138.4	138.7
Non-durable Goods	116.4	114.8	113.6	113.3	117.4	116.8	117.9	117.3	116.9	116.5
Construction	104.9	98.0	96.4	96.8	110.0	103.6	113.9	112.4	112.1	112.7
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	127.6	126.3	125.9	126.0	126.7	124.0	129.9	129.2	129.6	129.3
Trade	168.3	167.5	167.2	170.4	172.3	170.1	169.7	170.1	171.3	172.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	190.0	189.9	189.6	189.4	180.8	180.3	191.4	192.2	191.0	191.0
Service	247.8	242.5	237.7	235.8	238.3	234.2	251.1	249.0	245.9	246.2
Industrial Composite	142.1	140.4	139.6	140.0	142.4	140.7	144.8	144.1	144.2	144.4
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	125.0	122.1	121.9	121.6	127.0	124.8	132.1	130.4	130.9	129.5
Newfoundland	126.7	124.9	124.2	120.1	126.0	123.8	136.1	136.7	135.3	130.8
Prince Edward Island	136.6	128.9	129.5	129.0	135.8	124.4	150.9	147.7	150.7	146.4
Nova Scotia	124.5	121.3	121.0	121.4	126.3	124.1	127.9	126.0	126.7	127.2
New Brunswick	123.6	120.6	120.8	122.2	127.7	126.3	132.2	129.8	130.7	130.8
Quebec	125.5	124.3	123.5	125.0	129.2	127.5	128.7	127.9	127.5	128.8
Ontario	145.8	144.0	143.8	144.0	145.9	144.0	147.6	147.2	147.6	147.4
Prairie Region	155.2	154.2	153.3	153.2	151.7	150.8	158.8	158.7	158.5	158.3
Manitoba	123.2	122.2	121.8	122.4	126.9	125.8	125.2	125.5	125.5	125.8
Saskatchewan	141.1	139.3	139.0	138.8	139.0	137.4	145.5	145.1	145.3	144.9
Alberta	187.9	187.1	185.7	184.9	177.7	176.8	192.5	191.9	191.7	191.0
British Columbia	170.9	169.3	165.3	164.8	166.9	164.6	171.2	171.2	170.8	170.9
Yukon	184.1	183.2	177.0	173.9	159.9	183.4	190.3	195.9	191.4	187.6
Northwest Territories	159.8	157.1	144.0	143.7	151.0	146.2	167.9	166.5	157.8	161.2
Canada	142.1	140.4	139.6	140.0	142.4	140.7	144.8	144.1	144.2	144.4

.. figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

Elementary-Secondary School Enrolment, 1976-1977

— Advance Information.

Advance information from the forthcoming publication (81-210, \$1.05) is now available regarding grade and age of elementary and secondary students for the 1976-1977 school year. Requests should be specified and forwarded to Mr. J. Seidle or Mrs. R. Campbell (613-995-9795), Elementary-Secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C.	Average Weekly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations				Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	1977f	1977p	1977p	1977r	1976	1976	1977f	1977p	1977p	1977r
	dollars									
Industry Division:										
Forestry	323.64	326.77	332.50	316.35	297.65	291.81	310.42	310.09	319.10	313.96
Mining, including milling	343.23	343.80	340.31	339.26	311.84	310.78	342.58	338.95	337.54	335.10
Manufacturing	262.88	261.55	259.16	255.65	238.07	235.52	262.04	260.53	258.10	254.02
Durable Goods	281.03	279.26	276.89	271.28	253.98	250.97	280.30	279.32	276.67	270.09
Non-durable Goods	245.60	244.58	242.06	240.53	222.64	220.58	244.55	243.39	240.66	239.29
Construction	361.36	358.35	351.16	344.21	322.92	328.68	361.50	358.64	349.97	345.28
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	285.59	283.25	283.39	280.44	255.32	251.44	284.23	282.97	281.84	278.99
Trade	189.53	186.05	184.50	182.28	174.59	171.13	189.44	186.97	186.21	184.55
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	227.87	229.20	224.12	220.64	214.62	212.70	225.39	225.75	222.25	219.65
Service	168.47	167.16	168.06	166.87	158.63	156.14	168.91	166.61	168.97	166.11
Industrial Composite	246.12	244.29	242.53	239.34	224.40	221.76	246.54	244.36	242.43	239.22
Industrial Composite:										
Atlantic Region	218.42	218.59	217.06	217.54	198.48	197.71	218.51	216.60	214.76	214.68
Newfoundland	237.87	237.89	231.75	238.13	217.40	216.53	239.47	236.26	228.37	236.43
Prince Edward Island	181.24	183.28	183.71	187.23	167.56	169.56	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia	207.20	205.86	206.13	204.01	189.79	186.88	206.35	204.06	205.27	201.65
New Brunswick	223.03	224.67	223.87	223.55	199.68	201.01	221.22	220.68	220.32	218.42
Quebec	241.00	238.42	236.91	233.74	219.09	216.85	241.41	239.14	236.65	233.44
Ontario	246.38	244.29	242.13	237.92	225.51	222.64	246.26	244.68	242.20	237.63
Prairie Region	243.24	241.42	240.81	237.86	219.10	217.20	243.39	240.96	240.67	239.27
Manitoba	223.33	221.50	219.68	219.07	203.02	201.88	223.06	221.19	221.18	220.28
Saskatchewan	231.42	229.30	227.28	224.59	210.10	205.41	231.17	229.14	227.83	226.52
Alberta	257.83	256.03	256.57	252.37	231.63	230.10	258.27	255.52	255.80	252.77
British Columbia	276.22	275.11	273.77	272.59	255.07	251.13	283.16	277.30	276.01	272.10
Yukon	342.22	348.68	339.43	340.34	296.14	271.53	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	279.56	288.90	299.74	287.91	283.06	287.11	—	—	—	—
Canada	246.12	244.29	242.53	239.34	224.40	221.76	246.54	244.36	242.43	239.22

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Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.)	Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings									
	Unadjusted for seasonal variations					Seasonally adjusted				
	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
	1977f	1977p	1977p	1977r	1976 number	1976	1977f	1977p	1977p	1977r
Average Weekly Hours:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	40.3	40.7	40.6	41.0	39.9	40.1	40.5	40.5	40.1	40.5
Manufacturing	38.7	38.9	38.9	38.5	38.9	39.0	38.5	38.7	38.8	38.4
Durable Goods	39.6	39.8	39.8	39.1	39.7	39.7	39.3	39.6	39.7	39.0
Non-durable Goods	37.7	38.0	38.0	37.9	38.1	38.3	37.5	38.0	37.8	37.8
Construction	38.5	38.5	37.8	37.2	38.7	39.6	39.0	39.0	38.3	38.1
Building	37.2	37.0	36.5	36.5	37.7	38.7	36.9	37.4	36.7	36.9
Engineering	41.1	41.6	40.6	39.0	40.8	41.7	42.5	43.2	41.0	40.3
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	38.0	38.0	38.6	38.1	38.4	38.0	37.4	37.7	38.7	37.5
Quebec	38.9	39.2	38.9	39.0	39.1	39.5	38.6	39.1	38.6	38.9
Ontario	39.4	39.7	39.7	38.8	39.6	39.5	39.3	39.6	39.7	38.8
Prairie Region	37.2	37.6	37.3	37.5	37.4	37.8	37.2	37.6	37.3	37.5
British Columbia	36.2	36.1	36.5	36.9	36.5	36.6	36.1	35.8	36.3	36.9
dollars										
Average Hourly Earnings:										
Canada:										
Mining, including milling	7.96	7.98	7.90	7.84	7.29	7.26	7.98	7.91	7.91	7.85
Manufacturing	6.28	6.22	6.16	6.11	5.65	5.58	6.27	6.22	6.18	6.10
Durable Goods	6.69	6.61	6.57	6.50	6.02	5.94	6.70	6.63	6.60	6.50
Non-durable Goods	5.85	5.80	5.72	5.70	5.26	5.19	5.84	5.80	5.74	5.69
Construction	9.59	9.56	9.51	9.44	8.48	8.53	9.50	9.46	9.36	9.30
Building	9.42	9.36	9.31	9.26	8.45	8.51	9.44	9.35	9.26	9.16
Engineering	9.89	9.95	9.91	9.84	8.54	8.56	9.65	9.79	9.68	9.73
Manufacturing:										
Atlantic Region	5.76	5.80	5.73	5.74	5.14	5.17	5.72	5.71	5.59	5.60
Quebec	5.63	5.57	5.53	5.49	5.05	4.98	5.62	5.58	5.55	5.50
Ontario	6.38	6.31	6.26	6.19	5.80	5.72	6.37	6.31	6.28	6.16
Prairie Region	6.38	6.19	6.16	6.12	5.63	5.48	6.38	6.25	6.24	6.17
British Columbia	8.12	8.12	8.03	8.01	7.34	7.27	8.16	8.16	8.05	7.99

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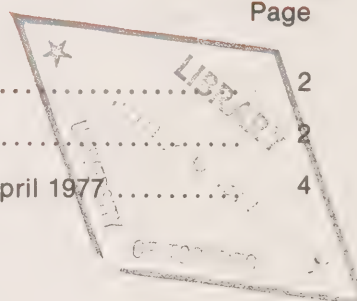
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Railway Operating Statistics, February 1977 (52-003, 30¢/\$3)

Air Carrier Traffic at Canadian Airports, Second Quarter 1976 (51-005, \$1.75/\$7)

Clay Products Manufacturers, 1975 (44-216, 70¢)

Grain Milling Statistics, April 1977 (32-003, 30¢/\$3)

Fruit and Vegetable Production, June 1977 (22-003, 40¢/\$3)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, March 1977 (35-002, 30¢/\$3)

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, April 1977 (32-011, 30¢/\$3)

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Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, May 1977 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)



Real Domestic Product, April 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product declined 0.3% to 125.3 in April from a level of 125.7 in March. The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined 0.3%. Output of goods-producing industries decreased 0.5%, while that of service-producing industries was down 0.2%.

In the goods-producing industries, lower production levels were recorded in agriculture, forestry, fishing and trapping, construction, mining and utilities, while only manufacturing increased. The decreases in agriculture, fishing and trapping and forestry were minimal. Construction was down for the second consecutive month, due to a large decline in residential building activity. The decline in mining was the result of widespread decreases in metal mines, mineral fuels and non-metallic minerals. Utilities were down sharply due to decreases in both electric power and gas distribution. Total manufacturing increased for the second consecutive month; within manufacturing, non-durables increased while durables were relatively unchanged from March. In non-durables manufacturing, increases were recorded by manufacturers of food and beverages, rubber and plastic products, leather products, textiles, clothing, paper and allied products, printing and publishing and chemicals and chemical products. In durables manufacturing, primary metals, metal fabricating and transportation equipment manufacturers declined, while manufacturers of electrical and non-metallic mineral products increased substantially.

Service-producing industries recorded in April the first monthly decline since May 1976. The decrease resulted from declines in transportation, storage and communication, trade, and public administration and defence. Finance, insurance and real estate, and community, business and personal services industries increased. In transportation, storage and communication, decreases were registered in air transport, railway transport, bus transport, urban transit systems and communication systems, while grain elevators increased substantially. In trade, wholesale trade declined slightly, while retail trade was unchanged from March.

Within retail trade, food, hardware and drug stores increased, while department stores, motor vehicle dealers and clothing stores declined. Finance, insurance and real estate, and community, business and personal services increased slightly. Public administration and defence services declined substantially due to major decreases in federal, provincial and local administration.

For further information, order the April issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)*, (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Radio Air-Time Sales, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$6.0 million in March, an increase of 5.3% from \$5.7 million in March 1976. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$5.1 million, up 6.3% from \$4.8 million.

Net local air-time sales rose 16.1% to \$14.4 million in March from \$12.4 million a year earlier.

Gross radio air-time sales for 1977 to date were reported at \$55.1 million compared to \$51.6 million for 1976, an increase of 6.8%. Net sales rose 7.4% to \$49.1 million from \$45.7 million.

For further information, order the March issue of *Radio Broadcasting* (56-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Indexes of Real Domestic Product

(1971=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1971 percentage weight	1977				% Change
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
Real Domestic Product	100.000	125.6	125.5	125.7	125.3	-0.3
Agriculture	3.371	88.9	88.7	85.5	85.2	-0.4
Forestry	.715	115.1	112.7	126.1	123.3	-2.2
Fishing and Trapping	.181	78.4	85.3	93.3	88.9	-4.7
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	3.819	114.8	118.0	116.7	113.6	-2.7
Manufacturing Industries	22.862	121.0	120.4	121.0	121.3	0.2
Construction Industry	6.990	116.7	116.8	114.9	113.5	-1.2
Transportation, storage and communication	9.096	133.8	135.2	136.1	134.5	-1.2
Transportation	5.874	124.2	125.7	128.1	126.2	-1.5
<i>Air transport and services incidental to air transport</i>	<i>.679</i>	<i>186.0</i>	<i>186.4</i>	<i>188.9</i>	<i>184.9</i>	<i>-2.1</i>
<i>Railway transport</i>	<i>1.700</i>	<i>114.0</i>	<i>117.7</i>	<i>123.5</i>	<i>119.0</i>	<i>-3.6</i>
<i>Bus transport, interurban and rural</i>	<i>.089</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>127.3</i>	<i>133.0</i>	<i>129.9</i>	<i>-2.3</i>
<i>Urban transit systems</i>	<i>.250</i>	<i>121.8</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>118.8</i>	<i>114.8</i>	<i>-3.4</i>
<i>Pipeline transport</i>	<i>.489</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>127.2</i>	<i>126.3</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Storage	.258	84.8	103.0	93.5	101.1	8.1
<i>Grain elevators</i>	<i>.177</i>	<i>73.1</i>	<i>99.4</i>	<i>86.3</i>	<i>97.5</i>	<i>13.0</i>
Communication	2.964	157.1	156.9	155.7	153.9	-1.2
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.816	148.4	147.0	144.5	141.7	-1.9
Trade	11.367	135.5	134.4	133.6	133.2	-0.3
Wholesale trade	4.509	126.0	126.8	126.2	125.6	-0.5
<i>Wholesale merchants</i>	<i>3.242</i>	<i>126.5</i>	<i>128.5</i>	<i>127.8</i>	<i>127.2</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
Retail trade	6.858	141.7	139.3	138.4	138.2	-0.1
<i>Food stores</i>	<i>1.368</i>	<i>114.3</i>	<i>112.1</i>	<i>113.6</i>	<i>114.9</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>General merchandise stores</i>	<i>1.562</i>	<i>142.5</i>	<i>139.5</i>	<i>138.3</i>	<i>136.6</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
<i>Department stores</i>	<i>.927</i>	<i>165.4</i>	<i>161.8</i>	<i>158.2</i>	<i>154.5</i>	<i>-2.3</i>
<i>Other general merchandise stores</i>	<i>.635</i>	<i>109.1</i>	<i>107.0</i>	<i>109.1</i>	<i>110.4</i>	<i>1.2</i>
<i>Motor vehicle dealers</i>	<i>.697</i>	<i>165.3</i>	<i>161.9</i>	<i>160.8</i>	<i>156.0</i>	<i>-3.0</i>
<i>Clothing stores</i>	<i>.462</i>	<i>134.3</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>130.9</i>	<i>127.6</i>	<i>-2.5</i>
<i>Hardware stores</i>	<i>.098</i>	<i>116.5</i>	<i>114.0</i>	<i>120.2</i>	<i>120.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores</i>	<i>.177</i>	<i>142.1</i>	<i>149.0</i>	<i>144.8</i>	<i>144.8</i>	<i>—</i>
<i>Drug stores</i>	<i>.290</i>	<i>170.1</i>	<i>169.0</i>	<i>168.9</i>	<i>172.8</i>	<i>2.3</i>
Finance, insurance and real estate	12.036	132.5	132.4	132.5	132.9	0.3
Community, business and personal service industries	19.359	126.6	126.8	127.7	128.1	0.3
<i>Education and related services</i>	<i>6.509</i>	<i>115.6</i>	<i>116.2</i>	<i>117.5</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Health and welfare services</i>	<i>5.272</i>	<i>131.2</i>	<i>131.7</i>	<i>132.2</i>	<i>132.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Amusement and recreation services</i>	<i>.427</i>	<i>150.1</i>	<i>150.0</i>	<i>150.0</i>	<i>152.0</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Services to business management</i>	<i>2.311</i>	<i>134.5</i>	<i>134.8</i>	<i>135.4</i>	<i>134.8</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1.000</i>	<i>107.3</i>	<i>107.9</i>	<i>107.8</i>	<i>108.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<i>Accommodation and food services</i>	<i>2.799</i>	<i>138.9</i>	<i>137.6</i>	<i>139.3</i>	<i>139.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Public administration and defence	7.388	124.6	125.2	125.5	124.2	-1.0
Special groupings:						
<i>Index of industrial production</i>	<i>29.497</i>	<i>122.8</i>	<i>122.6</i>	<i>122.7</i>	<i>122.3</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Real domestic product less agriculture</i>	<i>96.629</i>	<i>126.9</i>	<i>126.9</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>126.7</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Goods-producing industries</i>	<i>40.754</i>	<i>118.6</i>	<i>118.3</i>	<i>118.2</i>	<i>117.6</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
<i>Goods-producing industries less agriculture</i>	<i>37.383</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>121.2</i>	<i>121.1</i>	<i>120.5</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
<i>Service-producing industries</i>	<i>59.246</i>	<i>130.4</i>	<i>130.5</i>	<i>130.8</i>	<i>130.6</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Commercial industries</i>	<i>81.341</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>126.9</i>	<i>126.9</i>	<i>126.5</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Commercial industries less agriculture</i>	<i>77.970</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>128.6</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>128.2</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
<i>Non-commercial industries</i>	<i>18.659</i>	<i>119.1</i>	<i>119.7</i>	<i>120.4</i>	<i>120.1</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Non-durable manufacturing industries</i>	<i>11.496</i>	<i>119.6</i>	<i>119.5</i>	<i>119.0</i>	<i>119.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>Durable manufacturing industries</i>	<i>11.366</i>	<i>122.5</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>123.0</i>	<i>122.9</i>	<i>-0.1</i>

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

April 1977 — Advance Information.

	Domestic		Export		Total	
	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes	tons of 2,000 lbs.	metric tonnes
Ingots and semi-finished shapes	31,376	28 465	64,676	58 673	96,052	87 138
Rails	26,053	23 634	2,378	2 157	28,431	25 791
Wire rods	62,738	56 915	19,878	18 033	82,616	74 948
Structural shapes:						
Heavy	49,990	45 351	15,483	14 046	65,473	59 397
Bar-sized shapes	12,497	11 339	2,729	2 476	15,226	13 815
Concrete reinforcing bars	41,461	37 612	—	—	41,461	37 612
Other hot rolled bars	78,896	71 572	7,604	6 899	86,500	78 471
Tie plates and track material	3,253	2 951	3,921	3 557	7,174	6 508
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	78,381	71 103	12,514	11 353	90,895	82 456
Hot rolled sheets and strip	180,313	163 578	36,877	33 455	217,190	197 033
Cold finished bars	7,721	7 005	248	224	7,969	7 229
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated	142,291	129 087	14,171	12 856	156,462	141 943
Galvanized sheets	65,448	59 375	11,062	10 036	76,510	69 411
Total	780,418	707 987	191,541	173 785	971,959	881 752

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the April issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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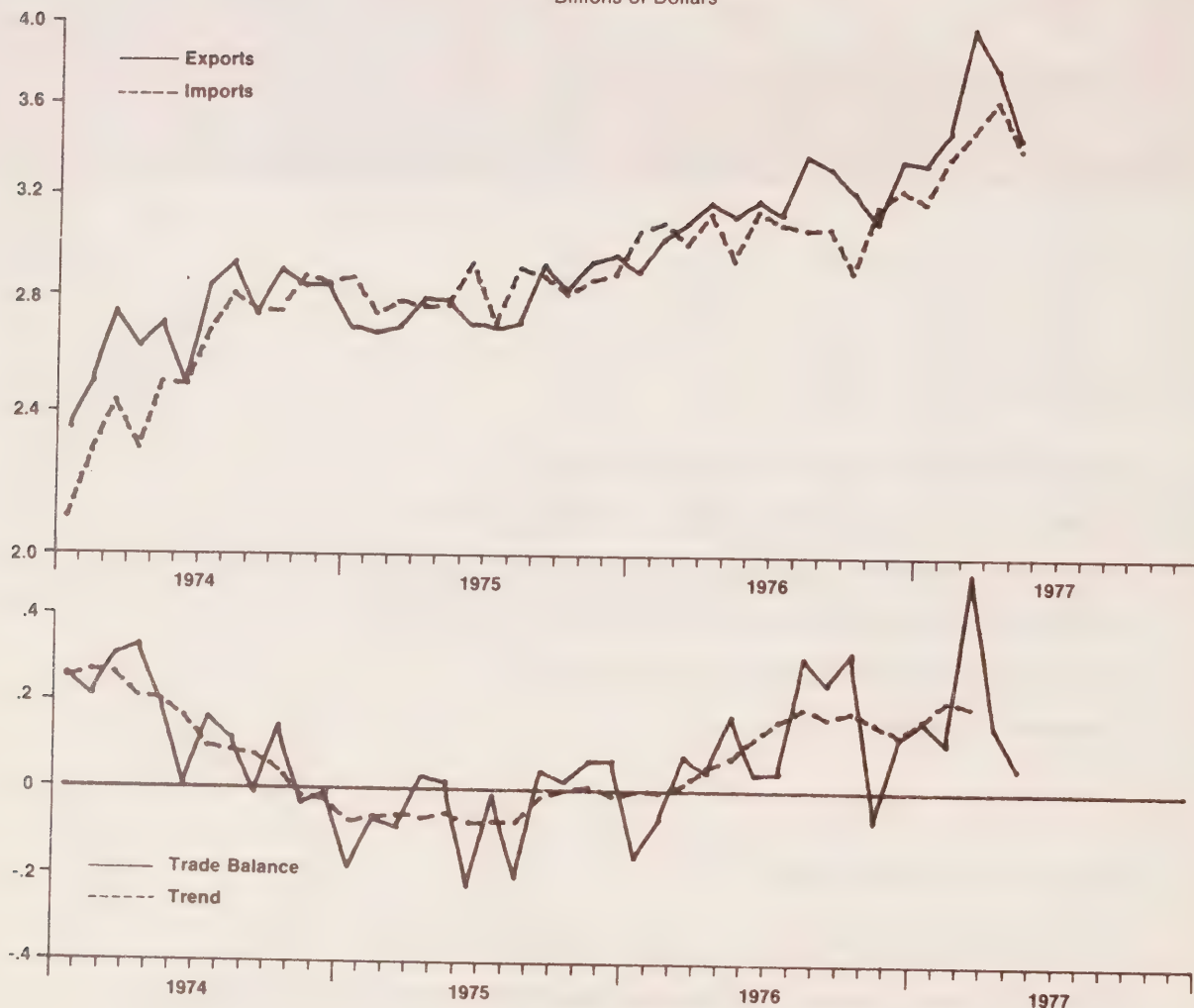
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EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted

Balance of Payments Basis

Billions of Dollars



Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, May 1977 —

Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat. Seasonally-adjusted exports on a balance-of-payments basis fell for the second successive month to \$3,464 million in May. This decline of 8.5% was sharper than that for imports, which contracted 6.2% to \$3,407 million. At \$57 million, the May trade surplus decreased to the lowest level so far in 1977. The latest surplus compared with those of \$153 million in April and \$502 million in March. But the export balance of \$712 million for the three months ending in May was still up considerably from \$401 million for the preceding period of December-February.

Exports (Customs Basis)

After reaching a peak in April, seasonally-adjusted exports to the United States declined 2.5% to \$2,500 million in May. The fairly steady rise in natural gas deliveries during 1977 was reversed in May by a sharp contraction. Exports of lumber, liquefied gases and

motor vehicles also fell. Shipments of ores and concentrates, pulp, non-ferrous metals and automotive parts rose.

Canadian exports to overseas countries dropped 25% to \$910 million in May, following a 13.5% decline in the previous month. Shipments were lower to all overseas markets except the European Economic Community and covered, after allowance for seasonal variation, wheat, forestry products and some industrial materials. Exports of asbestos and non-ferrous metals were up from April.

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Merchandise Trade of Canada

	Customs Basis*		Balance of Payments Basis*				Trade Balance
	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted		
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports (\$ millions)	Exports	Imports	
1975							
Fourth Quarter	8,928	8,936	9,032	8,746	8,734	8,577	157
1976							
First Quarter	8,803	9,153	8,580	8,993	9,013	9,155	-142
Second Quarter	10,109	10,041	10,096	9,866	9,470	9,215	255
Third Quarter	9,359	8,727	9,289	8,575	9,820	9,220	600
Fourth Quarter	9,876	9,549	10,010	9,452	9,672	9,296	376
1977							
First Quarter	10,219	9,925	10,201	9,776	10,815	10,035	780
1976							
December	3,297	3,072	3,340	3,031	3,352	3,229	123
1977							
January	3,135	3,003	3,100	2,958	3,342	3,178	164
February	3,217	3,183	3,212	3,140	3,483	3,369	114
March	3,867	3,739	3,889	3,678	3,990	3,488	502
April	3,496	3,533	3,500	3,487	3,786	3,633	153
May	3,919	3,949	3,974	3,897	3,464	3,407	57

*In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

In a three-month comparison, exports to the U.S. rose 7.5% to \$7,626 million in the March-May period. Contributing close to half of the increase were higher shipments of motor vehicles, in particular passenger cars. Exports of natural gas, non-ferrous metals and machinery rose, but deliveries of crude oil and automotive components decreased.

Exports to overseas countries advanced about 14.5% to \$3,534 million, with the bulk of the increase occurring in countries other than the E.E.C. and Japan. Shipments of ores and concentrates, non-ferrous metals, asbestos, pulp and newsprint were higher in the March-May period, but exports of wheat, lumber and automotive goods declined.

Imports (Customs Basis)

Seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. fell 5.6% to \$2,439 million in May, after a rise of 6.6% in April. Imports of trucks, automotive parts and machinery declined, but those of passenger cars rose.

Imports from overseas countries contracted in two successive months to \$1,020 million in May, with imports declining from most sources. A sharp fall occurred, after seasonal adjustment, in crude oil landings, and imports of motor vehicles also declined from April. Imports of automotive components increased, however, as did those of other equipment and consumer goods.

Imports from the U.S., on a three-month basis, continued to advance, reaching \$7,453 million in the March-May period. Nearly two-thirds of this increase

was attributable to motor vehicles and parts. Imports of other equipment and tools also rose, but those of machinery fell. Imports from overseas countries increased 12% to \$3,235 million, with some two-thirds of the expansion originating in countries other than the E.E.C. and Japan. Prominent among increased imports were crude oil, industrial machinery, automotive parts and some consumer goods. Declines occurred from the months of December-February in imports of motor vehicles, other equipment and apparel.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the May issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

(see tables on pages 4-9)

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975							
Fourth Quarter	8,766.5	6,576.6	6,076.6	290.4	2,399.5	508.4	269.3
1976							
First Quarter	9,314.7	6,961.2	6,379.2	300.9	2,634.6	496.9	360.5
Second Quarter	9,390.1	7,071.2	6,426.4	282.6	2,681.1	492.5	364.1
Third Quarter	9,371.7	7,017.3	6,457.3	264.9	2,649.5	503.9	394.5
Fourth Quarter	9,393.3	7,082.6	6,473.7	304.0	2,615.6	534.7	406.4
1977							
First Quarter	10,183.8	7,419.2	7,131.5	306.8	2,745.5	564.0	427.9
1976							
December	3,270.0	2,381.3	2,314.4	95.1	860.5	170.4	137.1
1977							
January	3,222.5	2,338.5	2,280.6	95.1	846.8	173.1	136.2
February	3,411.6	2,496.7	2,424.0	102.0	885.6	193.5	146.5
March	3,549.7	2,583.9	2,426.9	109.7	1,013.1	197.4	145.2
April	3,679.0	2,660.5	2,586.4	107.2	985.4	195.5	147.9
May	3,458.9	2,511.5	2,439.0	104.5	915.4	196.9	156.2
			Percent changes				
May/April	-5.9	-5.5	-5.6	-2.5	-7.1	0.7	5.6
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	7.9	7.4	6.1	10.0	12.3	9.8	7.0
May 77/May 76	14.8	14.2	13.7	21.1	16.9	23.2	36.8

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	May	Apr.	Mar.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,809.5	2,539.4	2,634.9	2,371.0	2,169.0	2,272.1	18.4	17.0	15.9
United Kingdom	122.5	99.8	126.0	92.1	98.9	112.3	33.0	0.9	12.1
Other E.E.C.	224.2	184.5	197.1	174.8	169.2	170.4	28.2	9.0	15.6
Japan	165.3	137.0	153.1	112.7	114.7	125.3	46.6	19.3	22.1
Other O.E.C.D.	115.2	103.0	104.9	91.3	98.0	105.5	26.1	5.0	-0.5
Other America	214.7	220.8	233.6	184.8	198.6	110.0	16.1	11.2	112.3
Other Countries	297.3	248.2	289.2	264.9	309.8	345.4	12.2	-19.8	-16.2
All Countries	3,948.7	3,532.7	3,738.8	3,291.6	3,158.2	3,241.0	19.9	11.8	15.3
	Year-to-Date						May-May Percent Changes		
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Apr. 1975	77/76	76/75	
United States	12,286.4	9,476.9	10,794.2	8,423.2	9,547.4	7,495.9	13.8	13.0	
United Kingdom	529.6	407.1	492.8	400.7	534.6	405.6	7.4	-7.8	
Other E.E.C.	935.8	711.6	814.2	639.4	877.9	677.0	14.9	-7.2	
Japan	721.4	556.1	583.6	470.9	573.9	467.7	23.6	1.7	
Other O.E.C.D.	510.9	395.7	470.0	378.7	455.9	361.5	8.7	3.1	
Other America	1,051.4	836.7	826.1	641.3	756.4	626.4	27.2	9.2	
Other Countries	1,371.2	1,073.8	1,621.5	1,356.6	1,594.8	1,177.7	-15.4	1.6	
All Countries	17,406.7	13,457.9	15,602.4	12,310.8	14,340.9	11,211.8	11.5	8.8	

Table 3

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	May	Apr.	Mar.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	6.6	7.5	3.3	12.7	15.8	15.2	-47.9	-52.7	-77.9
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	300.2	251.0	279.6	232.8	197.3	206.5	28.9	27.2	35.3
Meat and fish	45.1	40.4	40.5	46.5	34.7	41.1	-2.9	16.3	-1.4
Fruits and vegetables	94.6	85.5	86.7	69.9	65.0	62.0	35.4	31.6	39.9
Raw sugar	24.3	11.9	4.9	27.9	19.5	19.8	-12.6	-39.1	-75.4
Crude Materials, Inedible	473.0	434.4	388.5	403.9	497.7	357.1	17.1	-12.7	8.7
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	45.1	52.1	21.0	35.1	33.4	21.5	28.3	55.9	-2.0
Coal	84.7	21.9	2.3	67.0	43.4	2.0	26.5	-49.4	16.3
Crude petroleum	255.5	280.9	283.1	233.6	343.9	261.1	9.3	-18.3	8.4
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	667.2	544.8	642.5	530.9	506.6	539.1	25.6	7.5	19.1
Wood and paper	60.7	51.8	67.4	64.2	63.7	72.8	-5.3	-18.7	-7.3
Textiles	87.3	72.0	79.7	73.8	64.7	73.5	18.3	11.2	8.3
Chemicals	199.4	170.9	200.7	153.4	151.2	148.4	29.9	13.0	35.2
Iron and steel	96.3	58.8	68.0	56.7	55.6	50.5	69.8	5.7	34.8
Bars and rods, steel	11.4	6.8	9.1	8.1	7.0	7.0	41.6	-2.5	31.4
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	27.2	18.1	19.2	17.4	14.5	13.7	56.2	24.7	40.6
Non-ferrous metals	43.0	39.6	42.6	29.4	37.8	42.7	46.2	4.8	-0.2
End Products, Inedible	2,384.2	2,261.1	2,390.7	2,048.4	1,903.3	2,079.7	16.3	18.7	14.9
General purpose machinery	126.6	119.6	130.3	113.9	97.2	120.8	11.1	23.0	7.8
Special industry machinery	188.5	176.5	179.7	199.1	179.4	157.5	-5.3	-1.5	14.0
Machine tools, metalworking	17.9	13.8	15.6	13.6	11.1	12.1	31.6	24.5	29.7
Agricultural machinery and tractors	136.9	125.6	138.0	133.9	119.7	127.0	2.2	4.9	8.6
Transportation equipment	1,190.1	1,176.1	1,136.4	980.6	920.0	996.1	21.3	27.8	14.0
Sedans, new	314.0	298.1	291.7	226.4	228.6	230.9	38.6	30.3	26.3
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	45.7	42.4	38.4	41.9	36.2	32.1	9.0	17.0	19.6
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	86.3	95.9	89.7	84.5	73.1	79.9	2.0	31.2	12.3
Other motor vehicles	35.5	37.5	38.4	31.0	23.4	24.6	14.5	59.9	55.7
Motor vehicle engines	51.8	47.9	49.7	51.9	46.2	44.9	-0.0	3.6	10.7
Motor vehicle engine parts	54.1	59.5	59.5	41.1	40.0	39.2	31.6	48.7	51.7
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	482.4	501.6	461.4	411.9	383.2	443.3	17.1	30.9	4.0
Aircraft, complete with engines	15.8	7.6	8.4	13.0	6.3	9.9	20.7	20.7	-15.3
Other equipment and tools	391.9	356.3	431.1	331.9	313.6	356.2	18.0	13.6	21.0
Electronic computers	41.6	40.0	51.7	32.8	29.6	35.6	26.7	34.9	45.0
Special Transactions, Trade	117.5	33.8	34.3	63.0	37.4	43.4	86.5	-9.7	-21.1
Total	3,948.7	3,532.7	3,738.8	3,291.6	3,158.2	3,241.0	19.9	11.8	15.3

Table 3 (Continued)

Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Year-to-Date						May-May	
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Apr. 1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	23.8	17.2	55.1	42.4	38.9	29.9	-56.7	41.6
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	1,282.4	982.2	1,016.2	783.4	982.0	752.1	26.2	3.4
Meat and fish	204.8	159.6	200.4	154.0	123.5	100.9	2.1	62.3
Fruits and vegetables	403.4	308.8	319.5	249.7	305.8	232.3	26.2	4.4
Raw sugar	76.5	52.1	94.6	66.7	154.3	111.7	-19.1	-38.7
Crude Materials, Inedible	2,069.2	1,596.2	2,174.6	1,770.7	2,185.5	1,663.9	-4.8	-0.4
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	173.8	128.7	138.8	103.7	162.8	124.4	25.1	-14.6
Coal	138.8	54.0	157.1	90.2	156.6	99.4	-11.6	0.3
Crude petroleum	1,342.5	1,087.0	1,511.1	1,277.5	1,545.1	1,182.7	-11.1	-2.1
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	2,825.0	2,157.8	2,584.9	2,054.0	2,471.4	1,951.0	9.2	4.5
Wood and paper	283.1	222.4	348.1	284.0	197.7	152.3	-18.6	76.0
Textiles	374.8	287.5	364.2	290.4	292.6	228.5	2.9	24.4
Chemicals	852.1	652.7	717.8	564.4	615.0	486.8	18.7	16.7
Iron and steel	334.8	238.4	272.2	215.5	471.1	374.5	23.0	-42.2
Bars and rods, steel	42.7	31.3	34.1	26.1	72.9	61.1	25.1	-53.1
Plate, sheet and strip, steel	103.6	76.3	79.4	62.0	142.8	122.1	30.4	-44.3
Non-ferrous metals	189.8	146.9	171.4	142.0	174.5	147.0	10.7	-1.7
End Products, Inedible	10,953.0	8,568.8	9,558.3	7,509.8	8,539.7	6,717.6	14.5	11.9
General purpose machinery	586.0	459.4	560.0	446.1	588.3	461.4	4.6	-4.8
Special industry machinery	880.7	692.2	849.4	650.4	801.8	617.5	3.6	5.9
Machine tools, metalworking	69.8	51.9	60.5	47.0	79.2	59.4	15.2	-23.5
Agricultural machinery and tractors	630.9	493.9	585.7	451.8	543.8	405.6	7.7	7.7
Transportation equipment	5,338.2	4,148.1	4,479.1	3,498.5	3,894.6	3,073.7	19.1	15.0
Sedans, new	1,305.5	991.5	1,028.4	802.0	854.2	652.2	26.9	20.3
Other passenger automobiles and chassis	171.9	126.2	158.6	116.7	104.1	78.2	8.4	52.2
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	429.2	342.9	360.9	276.3	327.4	249.8	18.9	10.2
Other motor vehicles	160.3	124.8	118.1	87.1	133.7	102.5	35.6	-11.6
Motor vehicle engines	227.7	175.8	225.1	173.2	164.6	131.7	1.1	36.7
Motor vehicle engines parts	278.3	224.2	192.7	151.5	141.4	111.3	44.4	36.2
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	2,263.4	1,780.9	1,942.9	1,531.0	1,493.2	1,189.2	16.5	30.1
Aircraft, complete with engines	45.2	29.5	43.6	30.5	187.4	170.3	3.8	-76.7
Other equipment and tools	1,872.0	1,480.2	1,633.7	1,301.8	1,451.1	1,159.9	14.5	12.5
Electronic computers	221.5	179.9	155.3	122.5	137.4	110.7	42.6	13.0
Special Transactions, Trade	253.3	135.8	213.4	150.4	123.4	97.2	18.7	72.8
Total	17,406.7	13,457.9	15,602.4	12,310.8	14,340.9	11,211.8	11.5	8.8

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

	Total	Total excluding cars	Total excluding cars and wheat	U.S.A. (\$ millions)	U.K.	Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K.	Other E.E.C.	Japan
1975								
Fourth Quarter	8,629.8	6,889.8	6,349.0	5,741.2	372.3	2,516.3	518.2	550.5
1976								
First Quarter	9,236.1	7,230.4	6,721.0	6,125.7	435.2	2,675.2	611.0	647.8
Second Quarter	9,482.7	7,399.6	6,932.7	6,534.6	482.1	2,466.0	630.3	562.6
Third Quarter	9,889.6	7,805.2	7,374.8	6,670.1	495.0	2,724.5	703.3	564.4
Fourth Quarter	9,537.7	7,543.3	7,242.0	6,465.1	455.2	2,617.4	719.8	614.8
1977								
First Quarter	10,834.0	8,270.6	7,772.6	7,323.7	477.9	3,032.4	700.7	664.4
1976								
December	3,308.9	2,518.8	2,437.8	2,331.3	141.7	835.9	200.6	201.1
1976								
January	3,377.6	2,562.7	2,413.8	2,375.1	167.7	834.8	218.9	195.8
February	3,487.7	2,652.0	2,491.3	2,387.2	148.0	952.5	232.7	220.6
March	3,968.8	3,056.0	2,867.5	2,561.4	162.2	1,245.2	249.2	248.0
April	3,782.0	2,907.2	2,735.3	2,565.0	154.9	1,062.1	184.2	280.4
May	3,409.5	2,620.8	2,489.9	2,500.1	170.5	738.9	240.6	163.3
Percent changes								
May/April	-9.8	-9.8	-8.9	-2.5	10.0	-30.4	30.6	-41.7
Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months	9.6	11.0	10.2	7.5	6.6	16.1	3.3	12.0
May 77/May 76	9.6	9.2	12.5	15.1	22.6	-7.3	7.6	-2.2

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	May	Apr.	Mar.
	(\$ millions)								
United States	2,718.6	2,555.0	2,736.4	2,306.8	2,205.2	2,148.4	17.8	15.8	27.3
United Kingdom	205.4	130.8	167.0	152.1	159.3	152.9	35.0	-17.8	9.2
Other E.E.C.	249.7	174.5	206.9	246.7	172.1	159.0	1.2	1.4	30.1
Japan	233.6	208.3	231.0	208.1	192.8	167.1	12.2	7.9	38.2
Other O.E.C.D.	119.5	88.2	138.1	100.0	78.8	75.9	19.4	11.8	82.0
Other America	142.0	133.3	155.2	136.0	156.8	114.9	4.3	-14.9	35.0
Other Countries	249.8	206.1	232.6	221.7	141.8	167.0	12.6	45.3	39.2
All Countries	3,918.6	3,496.2	3,867.2	3,371.4	3,106.8	2,985.2	16.2	12.5	29.5
	Year-to-Date						May-May. Percent Changes		
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Apr. 1975	77/76	76/75	
	(\$ millions)								
United States	12,411.2	9,692.5	10,519.0	8,212.2	8,762.9	6,921.7	17.9	20.0	
United Kingdom	799.2	593.8	739.4	587.3	831.0	651.5	8.0	-11.0	
Other E.E.C.	1,061.5	811.8	977.4	730.7	926.2	723.2	8.6	5.5	
Japan	1,052.9	819.3	1,010.5	802.5	842.4	567.3	4.1	19.9	
Other O.E.C.D.	533.8	414.3	403.1	303.2	403.4	309.2	32.4	-0.0	
Other America	672.0	530.0	645.7	509.7	711.3	546.5	4.0	-9.2	
Other Countries	1,103.4	853.6	986.2	764.5	954.1	674.1	11.8	3.3	
All Countries	17,634.0	13,715.3	15,281.3	11,910.1	13,431.3	10,393.5	15.4	13.7	

Table 6
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

	Monthly						Year-to-Year Percent Changes		
	May 1977	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	May 1976	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	May	Apr.	Mar.
	(\$ millions)								
Live Animals	17.2	11.7	7.9	11.6	9.9	7.7	48.2	17.7	3.4
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	374.2	278.4	310.9	385.5	243.2	208.8	-2.9	14.4	48.9
Meat and fish	72.1	50.9	72.9	59.3	52.2	54.7	21.6	-2.4	33.1
Cereals and preparations	187.8	123.7	149.0	238.9	118.9	93.3	-21.3	4.0	59.7
Wheat	127.4	94.7	93.8	173.0	69.7	72.6	-26.3	35.7	29.2
Crude Materials, Inedible	804.7	684.4	711.6	729.0	652.5	584.7	10.3	4.8	21.7
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	263.5	162.4	182.2	240.0	163.0	140.0	9.7	-0.3	30.1
Crude petroleum	157.4	153.5	132.0	192.6	195.2	183.0	-18.2	-21.3	-27.8
Natural gas	161.3	192.6	175.8	137.5	137.9	128.1	17.3	39.6	37.2
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	1,294.3	1,205.0	1,325.5	1,031.2	1,006.6	968.5	25.5	19.7	36.8
Wood and paper	657.1	644.0	673.1	522.0	526.2	490.1	25.8	22.3	37.3
Lumber, softwood	202.6	184.3	197.0	117.8	120.8	120.1	71.9	52.5	64.0
Wood pulp and similar pulp	193.1	184.8	194.8	169.0	164.7	170.9	14.2	12.1	13.9
Newsprint paper	193.1	199.2	197.7	180.1	190.4	149.3	7.2	4.6	32.4
Textiles	12.8	7.8	11.7	8.5	9.1	8.7	50.7	-14.0	34.0
Chemicals	152.6	155.0	161.4	105.3	137.1	124.7	44.8	13.0	29.4
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	61.0	71.9	73.5	38.9	69.9	58.4	56.7	2.8	25.8
Petroleum and coal products	37.1	43.2	59.7	50.5	37.1	42.6	-26.4	16.6	40.3
Iron and steel	103.5	89.7	84.4	74.7	57.6	63.2	38.5	55.7	33.5
Non-ferrous metals	228.1	183.0	242.1	211.8	187.0	185.1	7.6	-2.0	30.7
Copper and alloys	44.0	35.1	54.2	45.0	38.9	43.6	-2.0	-9.7	24.3
Nickel and alloys	45.0	34.6	29.6	37.1	32.2	37.3	21.1	7.2	-20.6
End Products, Inedible	1,337.1	1,244.3	1,430.8	1,137.5	1,102.9	1,132.7	17.5	12.8	26.3
Industrial machinery	99.7	86.4	97.2	75.4	70.1	73.8	32.3	23.2	31.7
Agricultural machinery and tractors	66.8	58.7	63.5	57.4	55.8	48.7	16.2	5.1	30.3
Transportation equipment	975.4	938.4	1,088.3	823.8	821.9	840.1	18.4	14.1	29.5
Passenger automobiles and chassis	388.7	404.0	451.5	344.3	369.5	329.2	12.8	9.3	37.1
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	153.8	161.8	175.1	114.5	136.9	133.3	34.3	18.2	31.3
Other motor vehicles	14.5	14.0	13.3	14.0	9.6	13.6	3.7	45.0	-2.6
Motor vehicle engines and parts	83.0	79.4	88.7	66.1	57.4	64.1	25.4	38.3	38.3
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	229.0	212.9	237.0	206.4	169.7	188.0	10.9	25.4	26.0
Other equipment and tools	86.9	71.2	83.4	70.9	62.1	72.2	22.4	14.5	15.4
Special transactions, Trade	15.5	4.3	4.8	7.3	33.5	18.5	113.2	-87.2	-73.9
Total	3,842.9	3,428.0	3,791.4	3,302.1	3,048.6	2,920.9	16.3	12.4	29.8

Table 6 (Continued)

Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

			Year-to-Date				May-May	
	May	Apr.	May	Apr.	May	Apr.	Percent	Changes
	1977	1977	1976	1976	1975	1975	77/76	76/75
	(\$ millions)							
Live Animals	53.1	35.9	48.5	36.9	15.3	12.0	9.3	217.9
Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco	1,538.4	1,164.2	1,510.5	1,125.0	1,429.8	1,045.0	1.8	5.6
Meat and fish	295.5	223.4	264.2	204.9	201.1	149.9	11.8	31.3
Cereals and preparations	791.0	603.2	920.5	681.7	907.0	641.5	-14.0	1.4
Wheat	556.6	429.1	623.4	450.5	713.4	520.3	-10.7	-12.6
Crude Materials, Inedible	3,534.7	2,730.1	3,335.9	2,606.9	3,204.4	2,518.9	5.9	4.1
Metal ores, concentrates and scrap	952.2	688.7	832.9	592.9	854.9	631.4	14.3	-2.5
Crude petroleum	752.1	594.7	1,059.1	866.4	1,320.7	1,112.8	-28.9	-19.8
Natural gas	852.4	691.1	677.1	539.6	392.6	308.2	25.8	72.4
Fabricated Materials, Inedible	5,966.8	4,672.5	4,762.5	3,731.3	4,305.7	3,342.1	25.2	10.6
Wood and paper	3,063.0	2,405.9	2,376.1	1,854.1	2,320.6	1,785.2	28.9	2.3
Lumber, softwood	889.8	687.2	570.1	452.3	397.9	277.3	56.0	43.3
Woodpulp and similar pulp	922.4	729.3	859.2	690.2	863.6	672.4	7.3	-0.5
Newsprint paper	916.1	723.0	695.8	515.7	848.5	669.6	31.6	-17.9
Textiles	48.7	35.9	44.3	35.8	40.5	32.6	9.9	9.2
Chemicals	716.6	564.0	574.6	469.3	459.1	368.4	24.7	25.1
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	310.4	249.4	257.9	219.0	227.1	182.0	20.3	13.5
Petroleum and coal products	266.4	229.3	266.8	216.3	240.2	186.1	-0.1	11.0
Iron and steel	429.8	326.4	326.3	251.7	332.7	262.3	31.7	-1.9
Non-ferrous metals	1,021.2	793.1	895.2	683.4	674.8	517.4	14.0	32.6
Copper and alloys	215.4	171.3	217.4	172.4	197.7	156.1	-0.9	9.9
Nickel and alloys	163.5	118.5	159.8	122.7	193.6	146.8	2.3	-17.4
End Products, Inedible	6,168.1	4,830.9	5,236.9	4,099.4	4,129.7	3,200.6	17.7	26.8
Industrial machinery	440.6	340.8	355.5	280.1	390.5	308.0	23.9	-8.9
Agricultural machinery and tractors	272.7	205.9	250.4	193.0	238.8	194.2	8.8	4.8
Transportation equipment	4,629.3	3,653.9	3,827.0	3,003.2	2,824.6	2,167.4	20.9	35.4
Passenger automobiles and chassis	1,912.3	1,523.7	1,610.5	1,266.2	1,266.9	986.3	18.7	27.1
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis	791.4	637.6	602.0	487.5	470.6	375.7	31.4	27.9
Other motor vehicles	62.2	47.7	58.2	44.2	47.7	36.4	6.8	22.0
Motor vehicle engines and parts	413.3	330.3	302.3	236.2	170.5	125.5	36.6	77.3
Motor vehicle parts, except engines	1,053.4	824.4	885.9	679.5	572.0	437.9	18.9	54.8
Other equipment and tools	373.4	286.5	320.9	250.0	304.8	242.8	16.3	5.3
Special Transactions, Trade	35.8	20.3	78.9	71.6	25.1	18.8	-54.5	214.4
Total	17,296.9	13,454.0	14,973.3	11,671.2	13,109.9	10,137.4	15.5	14.2

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Apr. 1977	Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976	% Change From	
				Mar. 1977	Apr. 1976
Benefits					
Gross amount (\$000)	355,355	428,029	314,906	-17	13
Net amount (1) (\$000)	353,816	426,214	313,676	-17	13
Weeks of benefit (000)	3,512	4,245	3,409	-17	3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	101.18	100.83	92.37	—	10
Claims received (000)	200	211	193	-6	3
Beneficiaries (000)	859p	897p	813	-4	6

	1977	To Date	1976	% Change From 4 Months 1977/1976
Benefits				
Gross amount (\$000)	1,559,482		1,400,665	11
Net amount (1) (\$000)	1,552,751		1,394,506	11
Weeks of benefit (000)	15,440		15,164	2
Average weekly benefit (\$)	101.01		92.37	9
Claims received (000)	878		861	2
Beneficiaries (2) (000)	894p		869	3

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.

(2) Monthly average

p Preliminary figures

— Amount too small to be expressed

For further information order the April 1977 issue of *Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-p) or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, Quarterly, \$1.05/\$4.20) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Preliminary Report on Unemployment Insurance Statistics, April 1977 — Advance Information.

The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit during the week ending April 16 totalled 859,000*, 4% less than in March but 6% more than a year earlier. About 10% of the beneficiaries drew special benefits, mainly sickness and maternity.

Net unemployment insurance benefit paid in April amounted to \$354 million*, down 17% from the previous month but 13% more than in April 1976. For the first four months of 1977, benefit payments reached \$1,553 million, an increase of 11% from the corresponding period in 1976. The average weekly benefit accounted for most of the increase, rising 9% to \$101.01.

Persons seeking benefit filed 200,000 claims in April, 6% fewer than in March but 3% more than in April 1976. Claims received in the first four months of 1977 numbered 878,000, up 2% from January-April 1976.

*The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefits payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Commencing with this report, monthly estimates of inventories, shipments and orders in manufacturing for the period January 1974 to March 1976 have been adjusted and are now based on 1974 Census of Manufactures data. As a result, the preliminary estimates for April 1977 and other data in the accompanying tables are not directly comparable with previously-published series. These revised estimates incorporate newly-calculated factors for seasonal adjustment, a number of changes in the panel of reporting establishments and a large number of reported values that were not received in time for use in calculating the data published previously.

Comparable data from January 1974 forward are now in CANSIM data bank and will be published in the April issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50). For further information, contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

(see tables on next page)

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1974 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	Apr. 1977p	Mar. 1977r	Feb. 1977r	Jan. 1977r
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments: Total	8,928.5	9,626.9	8,263.2	7,949.6
Non-durable	4,756.8	5,028.8	4,538.1	4,287.0
Durable	4,171.7	4,598.1	3,725.1	3,662.6
New Orders: Total	9,219.8	9,856.9	8,649.6	8,230.7
Non-durable	4,764.6	5,047.4	4,533.5	4,360.5
Durable	4,455.1	4,809.6	4,116.1	3,870.2
Unfilled Orders: Total	10,712.8	10,421.5	10,191.4	9,805.1
Non-durable	1,456.6	1,448.8	1,430.2	1,434.8
Durable	9,256.2	8,972.7	8,761.2	8,370.2
Inventory Owned: Total	17,779.0	17,827.6	17,526.9	17,241.3
Inventory Held: Total	18,672.9	18,764.2	18,482.9	18,219.0
Raw materials	7,449.3	7,491.0	7,289.1	7,426.1
Goods in process	4,853.3	4,931.2	4,944.2	4,816.7
Finished Products	6,370.3	6,342.0	6,249.5	5,976.3
	Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
Shipments: Total	8,873.4	9,019.3	8,750.9	8,681.8
Non-durable	4,811.4	4,810.9	4,795.4	4,680.7
Durable	4,062.0	4,208.4	3,955.5	4,001.1
New Orders: Total	9,242.9	9,314.1	9,142.3	8,865.5
Non-durable	4,787.1	4,796.9	4,806.3	4,731.9
Durable	4,455.8	4,517.2	4,336.0	4,133.6
Unfilled Orders: Total	10,761.2	10,391.7	10,096.9	9,705.5
Non-durable	1,425.7	1,450.0	1,464.0	1,453.1
Durable	9,335.5	8,941.7	8,632.9	8,252.4
Inventory Owned: Total	17,612.2	17,559.1	17,336.3	17,137.9
Inventory Held: Total	18,515.6	18,485.0	18,291.3	18,130.4
Raw materials	7,579.1	7,537.6	7,270.9	7,351.4
Goods in process	4,814.8	4,831.7	4,910.2	4,807.6
Finished products	6,121.7	6,115.7	6,110.2	5,971.4
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	1.98	1.95	1.98	1.97
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.69	0.68	0.70	0.69

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Seasonally Adjusted					
	Apr. 1977p	Mar. 1977r	Feb. 1977r	Jan.-Dec. 1976r	Jan.-Dec. 1975r	Jan.-Dec. 1974r
	(\$ millions)			(\$ millions)		
Newfoundland	46.2	48.7	44.5	585.9	652.9	711.7
Nova Scotia	177.8	185.9	168.5	1,978.8	1,819.2	1,696.1
New Brunswick	179.5	182.3	172.0	1,859.4	1,671.3	1,585.7
Quebec	2,215.1	2,434.7	2,136.9	25,791.6	23,969.0	22,396.3
Ontario	4,636.1	5,036.4	4,234.2	50,291.4	44,428.6	41,404.5
Manitoba	240.6	260.1	224.3	2,748.2	2,580.5	2,279.7
Saskatchewan	104.4	107.6	98.2	1,218.5	1,170.9	1,045.2
Alberta	463.3	484.3	444.0	5,273.4	4,718.1	3,821.3
British Columbia	855.4	878.3	731.4	8,718.6	7,328.1	7,411.1
Canada*	8,928.5	9,626.9	8,263.2	98,597.3	88,456.5	82,454.6

*Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

p Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

After-tax profits of industrial corporations, not seasonally adjusted, were \$2,157 million for the first quarter of 1977, an increase of \$139 million (6.9%) from the first quarter of 1976.

Total sales of \$59 billion increased \$6 billion (11.3%) from the first quarter of 1976. Assets increased \$4 billion (2.4%) over the fourth quarter of 1976 and \$15 billion (9.8%) from the first quarter of 1976.

(Please note that these figures represent the latest data for the first quarter of 1977 and supersede the preliminary estimates for the same period released last month. These figures are also available on CANSIM.)

For further information, order the first quarter issue of *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics* (61-003, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. R. St. Germain (613-996-2130), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Federal Government Employment, First Quarter 1977 — Advance Information.

Including members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the federal government and its enterprises had 562,107 employees as of March 1977, an increase of 14,937 from March 1976. (The main reason for the increase was that government departments hired approximately 8,900 more employees for Federal Labour Intensive Projects than a year earlier).

Gross payroll (including overtime and retroactive payments) for the first quarter of 1977 was \$2,022.1 million, an increase of \$269.5 million over the corresponding quarter in 1976.

For further information, order the first quarter issue of *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact Mr. T. Moore (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telephone Statistics — Preliminary Report on Large Telephone Systems, 1976 — Advance Information.

Fifteen major telephone systems reported revenues of \$3,323.8 million in 1976, up 17.8% over 1975. Operating expenses were \$2,246.4 million, an increase of 18.2%. Net operating revenue amounted to \$1,077.4 million, an advance of 17.0% over 1975.

Telephone toll messages increased 7.5% to 917.8 million in 1976.

For further information, order *Telephone Statistics — Preliminary Report on Large Telephone Systems, 1976* (56-202, 35¢), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Construction in Canada — Historical, 1962-1973

Now available from Publications Distribution is the report *Construction in Canada — Historical, 1962-1973* (64-502, \$2.10). For additional information, contact V. Totten (613-994-9756), Chief, Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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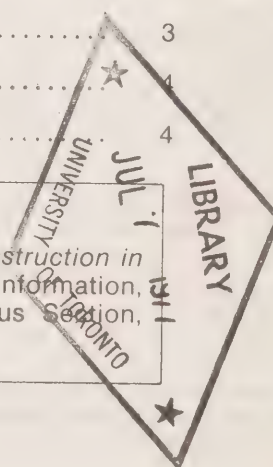
Refined Petroleum Products, March 1977 (45-004, 40¢/\$4)

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Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipe and Fittings, April 1977 (41-004, 15¢/\$1.50)**Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977 (35-006, 35¢/\$1.40)****Dairy Factory Production, May 1977 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)****Service Bulletins:****Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 6, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, May 1977****Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, May 1977: No. 9, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder; No. 10, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese****Metals and Minerals (41-010, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 5, No. 2, Consumption of Cobalt, 1976****New Housing Price Indexes**

February 1977 — May 1977 — Advance Information

	May 1977	April 1977	March 1977	February 1977	% Change May/77 May/76
1971=100					
Ottawa-Hull	197.1	198.2	198.2	199.1	4.0
Toronto	180.2	180.0	179.1	179.1	—
Edmonton	261.7	260.0	259.7	256.3	6.5
(Jan. 1975=100)					
Halifax	112.8	112.8	112.8	112.8	2.6
St. Catharines-Niagara	119.0	117.9	117.9	117.1	9.9
Regina	133.9	133.8	134.7	135.1	-2.5

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 a year) or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,452,957,000 square feet (134 985 000 m²) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in May, a decrease of 3.0% from a revised 1,496,689,000 square feet (139 047 000 m²) in May 1976.

January-May shipments totalled 7,023,883,000 square feet (653 393 000 m²) in 1977 compared to a revised 7,218,558,000 square feet (670 626 000 m²) in 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

For further information, order the March issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Cement, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for May totalled 1,121,383 short tons — 1 017 301 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 306,938 tons — 278 449 t (metric tonnes) and in Ontario were 357,377 tons — 324 207 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact Gordon McWade (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, March 1977 — Advance Information.

Crude petroleum production for March was 1,477,000 barrels/day, up 10.3% from 1,339,000 B/D in March 1976.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,692,000 mcf./D, an increase of 5.1% from 10,172,000 Mcf./D.

Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended June 14

	East	West	Canada
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	2,782,198	2,482,419	5,264,617
Short tons, 1976	2,742,803	1,958,298	4,701,101
Metric tonnes, 1977	2 523 968	2 252 013	4 775 981
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 488 229	1 776 538	4 264 767
% change	1.4	26.8	12.0
Cars, 1977	43,378	37,775	81,153
Cars, 1976	43,181	31,514	74,695
% change	0.5	19.9	8.6
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	149,326	56,368	205,694
Short tons, 1976	145,674	62,673	208,347
Metric tonnes, 1977	135 466	51 136	186 602
Metric tonnes, 1976	132 153	56 856	189 009
% change	2.5	-10.1	-1.3
Cars, 1977	4,718	2,430	7,148
Cars, 1976	4,868	2,564	7,432
% change	-3.1	-5.2	-3.8
Year-to-date			
Total carload traffic:			
Short tons, 1977	59,326,230	50,154,765	109,480,995
Short tons, 1976	57,663,376	44,162,638	101,826,014
Metric tonnes, 1977	53 819 851	45 499 637	99 319 488
Metric tonnes, 1976	52 311 335	40 063 671	92 375 006
% change	2.9	13.6	7.5
Cars, 1977	958,557	759,460	1,718,017
Cars, 1976	960,030	689,463	1,649,493
% change	-0.2	10.2	4.2
Piggyback traffic*:			
Short tons, 1977	3,671,220	1,321,649	4,992,869
Short tons, 1976	3,095,729	1,184,549	4,280,278
Metric tonnes, 1977	3 330 475	1 198 980	4 529 455
Metric tonnes, 1976	2 808 398	1 074 605	3 883 003
% change	18.6	11.6	16.6
Cars, 1977	112,239	57,358	169,597
Cars, 1976	102,810	49,760	152,570
% change	9.2	15.3	11.2

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended June 14, 1977 —
Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Railways in Canada loaded 5.3 million short tons (4.8 million t) of revenue freight in the above week, an increase of 12.0% over the comparative 1976 period. West of the Lakehead originating traffic rose only 1.4%, while in the West a gain of 26.8% was recorded. The number of cars loaded totalled 81,153, up 8.6% from a year ago.

Trailer-container freight movements (piggyback) at 205,694 short tons (186 602 t) were down 1.3%.

In the period January 1 to June 14, 1977, rail carload traffic rose 7.5% over 1976 to 109.5 million short tons (99.3 million t). Piggyback shipments were 16.6% above the year-earlier level.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,936 short tons (3 562 t) or 8,184,408 square feet (760 356 m²) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in May compared to 4,399 short tons (3 991 t) or 9,458,037 square feet (878 680 m²) in May 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin* (47-001, \$1.40 a year) or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries, 1975 — Advance Information.

Miscellaneous non-metallic mineral products industries shipped \$370.7 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 18% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 22% to \$237.3 million, the number of employees increased 5% to 8,478 and total salaries and wages increased 19% to \$103.3 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries, 1975* (44-210, 70¢).

Miscellaneous Chemical Industries, 1975.

Miscellaneous chemical industries shipped \$841.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 6.7% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 3% to \$422.8 million, the number of employees were virtually unchanged at 16,770 and total salaries and wages increased 11.8% to \$197.0 million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete date will be published in later in *Miscellaneous Chemical Industries, 1975* (46-216, 70¢).

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Population: Geographic Distributions, Federal Electoral Districts, 1976 Census of Canada (92-801, \$3)

Refined Petroleum Products, 1975 (45-208, 70¢)

Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

May 1977 — Advance Information
(1971=100)

	May 1977	Apr. 1977	May 1976	% Change Apr. 1977	May 1976
Canada, Total	174.5	170.3	160.4	2.5	8.8
Materials	162.7	161.5	153.3	0.7	6.1
Labour	195.5	185.9	173.1	5.2	12.9
Atlantic Provinces, Total	184.2	181.4	167.1	1.5	10.2
Materials	165.7	165.3	155.5	0.2	6.6
Labour	216.1	209.2	187.3	3.3	15.4
Quebec, Total	177.5	170.8	163.9	3.9	8.3
Materials	167.3	166.3	158.4	0.6	5.6
Labour	196.8	179.3	174.4	9.8	12.8
Ontario, Total	168.8	165.0	156.6	2.3	7.8
Materials	158.9	157.5	150.6	0.9	5.5
Labour	185.8	177.8	166.7	4.5	11.5
Prairie Provinces, Total	183.9	181.0	168.2	1.6	9.3
Materials	165.4	163.8	154.9	1.0	6.8
Labour	219.8	214.4	193.8	2.5	13.4
British Columbia, Total	173.0	169.2	155.7	2.3	11.1
Materials	163.4	162.8	151.4	0.3	7.9
Labour	190.2	180.6	163.4	5.3	16.4

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Sales Financing, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Sales finance companies purchased \$227.1 million of retail finance paper in April, a decrease of 12.1% compared with the \$258.5 million purchased in April 1976. The total purchases comprised \$60.7 million for passenger cars, \$28.8 million for other consumer goods, \$94.2 million for commercial vehicles and \$43.5 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the first quarter of 1977 amounted to \$1,959.9 million, an increase of 20.5% over the \$1,625.9 million financed in January-March 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Carloadings, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Railways in Canada loaded 23.0 million short tons (20.9 million t) of revenue freight in May, an increase of 9.3% over May 1976. Traffic received from United States connections declined 10.2%.

Commodities registering the largest percentage increases in the current month included fertilizers (excluding potash), up 77.5%; gypsum, up 65.2%; lumber, up 43.4%; and coal, up 48.4%.

In the January-May 1977 period, rail freight loadings were up 7.3% over 1976 to 99.3 million short tons (90.1 million t). Receipts from U.S. connections were down 4.1%.

Among commodities showing notable percentage gains in the first five months of 1977 were sulphur, fertilizers (excluding potash), wheat, wood pulp, pulpwood chips, potash and iron ore. Grains other than wheat declined 13.1%.

For further information, order the May issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Motor Vehicle Production, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Production of passenger cars totalled 116,608 in May compared to 103,696 in May 1976. January to May production in 1977 was 557,130 units compared to 520,596 a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 54,473 units compared to 45,458. Year-to-date production in 1977 was 263,409 units compared to 221,593 in 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 39,009 units in May compared to 40,895 a year earlier and month-end stocks totalled 112,756 units, down from 126,316. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 22,932 units from 32,867 and month-end stocks decreased to 57,818 units from 63,917.

For further information, order the May issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Key Economic Series

During the coming month, the release of key economic series data is expected to be in accordance with the schedule outlined below. It is possible, however, that some data may appear during the week earlier or the week later for reasons unknown at this time.

Week Beginning Monday, July 4:

- Industry Selling Price Index (May)
- Wholesale Price Index (May)

Week Beginning Monday, July 11:

- Labour Force Survey (June) July 13
- Consumer Price Index (June) July 13
- Retail Trade (May)
- Labour Income (March)

Week Beginning Monday, July 18:

- Wholesale Trade (May)
- Inventories, Shipments and Orders (May)
- Real Domestic Product (May)
- Index of Industrial Production (May)
- Consumer Credit (May)
- Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities (June) July 21
- Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade (June) July 22
- Private and Public Investment in Canada (mid-year) July 22
- Employment, Earnings and Hours (May)

Week Beginning Monday, July 25:

- Building Permits (May)
- Unemployment Insurance Statistics (May)

For any enquiry concerning the release of these series, please contact Mr. Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production, Planning and Scheduling Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 25, 1977 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 25 was 281,645 short tons (255 504 t), a decrease of 1.3% from the preceding week's total of 285,318 short tons (258 836 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 251,200 tons (227 885 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 153.7 in the current week, 155.7 a week earlier and 137.1 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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1976 Census of Population and Housing

Publishing of final results of the 1976 Census of Population and Housing will begin very soon. Approximately 100 reports will be produced in total.

Orders are now being taken for Volume 1, a set of 12 reports on the geographic distribution of the population. The price in Canada is \$39.75 for the set, and includes a binder in which to keep the reports. Elsewhere, the price is \$47.70.

Please address orders to the Publications Distribution Unit.

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Imports by Countries, January-March 1977 (65-006, \$2.10/\$8.40)

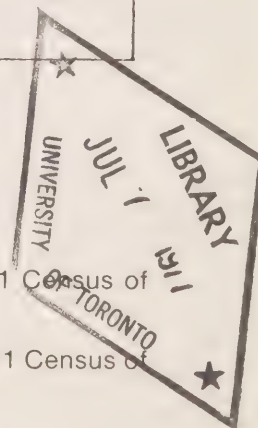
Hospital Morbidity, 1974 (82-206, \$2.80)

Retail Trade, Counties or Census Divisions, Cities and Towns, 1971 Census of Canada (97-703, \$2.10)

Service Trades, Counties or Census Divisions, Cities and Towns, 1971 Census of Canada (97-743, \$2.10)

Construction Price Statistics, June 1977 (62-007, 40¢/\$4)

Retail Trade, April 1977 (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50)



Weekly Security Price Indexes

Juin 1977 — Advance Information.

	Number stocks priced	June 24/77 This week	June 17/77 Week ago	May 27/77 Month ago
1971=100				
Investors Index	134	102.8	100.9	98.5
Industrials	85	99.9	97.9	96.7
Foods	9	88.7	86.2	84.1
Alcoholic beverages	5	75.9	73.2	72.4
Textiles and clothing	3	115.4	111.6	113.4
Pulp and paper	7	120.2	120.5	120.1
Printing and publishing	5	94.7	93.8	95.5
Primary metals	4	111.6	107.4	102.0
Industrial mines	6	88.4	87.8	87.6
Metal fabricating	9	194.4	191.5	201.2
Non-metallic minerals	4	89.8	86.7	86.3
Petroleum	8	99.6	96.0	91.1
Chemicals	5	105.7	104.6	105.2
Construction	5	247.8	239.9	236.7
Trade	15	79.6	77.8	77.6
Utilities and services	28	102.5	101.9	98.8
Transportation	6	137.2	135.8	132.3
Pipelines	5	91.4	91.3	87.9
Radio and TV broadcasting	5	99.4	99.6	96.1
Telephone	4	105.0	105.2	101.8
Electric power	3	125.8	124.4	120.4
Gas distribution	5	78.1	75.9	74.5
Finances	21	118.0	114.3	106.9
Banks	8	121.4	117.0	108.2
Investment and loan	9	110.3	108.4	103.8
Insurance	4	108.5	106.1	104.7
Mining Index	17	105.8	105.5	107.2
Gold	9	190.0	189.6	191.2
Base metals	8	65.5	65.1	66.9
Uranium	2	179.0	179.8	187.7
Primary oils and gas index	5	112.0	108.5	104.9

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Starts, by Type of Dwelling, all Areas, Summary by Province

1st Quarter 1977

	Single Detached	Two-family	Row	Apartment and Other	Total
(Number of Dwelling Units)					
Canada	14,151	2,637	3,705	14,981	35,474
Newfoundland	224	25	24	32	305
Prince Edward Island	33	2	—	—	35
Nova Scotia	440	26	94	127	687
New Brunswick	136	2	—	68	206
Quebec	4,333	243	125	5,541	10,242
Ontario	2,753	1,405	1,658	3,667	9,483
Manitoba	576	263	150	1,046	2,035
Saskatchewan	1,059	54	156	533	1,802
Alberta	2,030	274	775	1,365	4,444
British Columbia	2,567	343	723	2,602	6,235

For further information, order *Housing Starts and Completions*, March 1977 (64-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Additional Information

When names and telephone numbers are not provided, additional information can often be obtained from the regional User Advisory staff of Statistics Canada or from its Central Inquiries Service, Ottawa (613-992-4734).

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Also, toll-free access to the regional statistical information service is provided in Charlottetown, Moncton, Saint John and Sydney by calling the operator and asking for ZENITH 22066. Throughout Saskatchewan, the Regina office can be reached by dialing 1-800-667-3524. Throughout Alberta, the Edmonton office can be reached by dialing 1-800-222-6400.

Pulp and Paper Mills, 1975 — Advance Information.

Pulp and paper mills shipped \$5,122.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 10.2% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 14.7% to \$2,601.5 million, the number of employees decreased 2.5% to 84,046 and total salaries and wages decreased 0.5% to \$1,091.7 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Pulp and Paper Mills, 1975* (36-204, 70¢).

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, May 1977 — Advance Information.

In May, packers, dealers and tanners held 238,953 cattle hides, down from 251,621 a year earlier. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 133,642 from 213,173 and wettings decreased to 165,023 from 213,757.

For further information, order the May issue of *Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather* (33-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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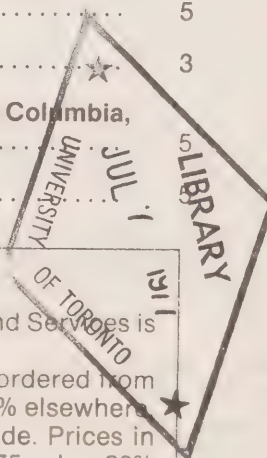
1971 Census of Merchandising and Services

Publishing of the results of the 1971 Census of Merchandising and Services is now almost complete.

The complete series of 19 reports, including binders, can be ordered from the Publications Distribution Unit, for \$24.75 in Canada, plus 20% elsewhere.

Reports can also be ordered in sets according to type of trade. Prices in Canada are: Retail, \$9.00; Wholesale, \$6.00; and Service, \$9.75, plus 20% elsewhere.

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Employment, Earnings and Hours, March 1977 (72-002, 70¢/\$7)

Exports by Commodities, April 1977 (65-004, 80¢/\$8)

Building Permits, April 1977 (64-001, 70¢/\$7)

Water Transportation, 1974 (54-205, \$1.05)

Fish Freezings and Stocks, April 1977 (24-001, 40¢/\$4)

Farm Cash Receipts, April 1977 (21-001, 30¢/\$3)

Production of Eggs and Poultry, April 1977 (23-003, 30¢/\$3)

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1971=100)

	Relative Importance(1)	Index			Percent Change		Percent Contribution to Total Change From	
		May* 1977	Apr.* 1977	May 1976	From Apr./77	From May/76	Apr./77	May/76
Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing	100.0	173.1	172.4	160.9	0.4	7.6	100.0	100.0
SIC Major Groups:								
1. Food and Beverage Industries	19.9	188.4	185.0	174.5	1.8	8.0	86.6	22.6
3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries	2.5	146.5	146.9	139.3	-0.3	5.2	-1.3	1.5
4. Leather Industries	0.9	173.0	172.3	162.1	0.4	6.7	0.8	0.8
5. Textile Industries	3.5	149.1	148.9	142.0	0.1	5.0	0.9	2.0
6. Knitting Mills	0.9	131.6	131.2	124.6	0.3	5.6	0.5	0.5
8. Wood Industries	4.7	180.4	181.2	165.5	-0.4	9.0	-4.9	5.8
9. Furniture and Fixture Industries	1.6	171.6	171.6	161.2	0.0	6.5	0.0	1.4
10. Paper and Allied Industries	8.2	192.1	192.1	182.7	0.0	5.1	0.0	6.3
12. Primary Metal Industries	8.4	190.0	190.6	167.9	-0.3	13.2	-6.4	15.1
13. Metal Fabricating Industries	7.5	168.7	168.6	162.1	0.1	4.1	1.0	4.0
14. Machinery Industries	4.4	156.8	156.1	150.6	0.4	4.1	3.9	2.2
16. Electrical Products Industries	6.8	146.9	146.6	139.8	0.2	5.1	2.6	3.9
17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	3.2	177.8	176.7	164.0	0.6	8.4	4.5	3.6
18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries	4.2	237.0	237.0	204.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	11.4
19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries	6.6	173.8	173.8	167.2	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.5
Other Major Groups(2)	16.7	148.6	148.0	137.2	0.4	8.3	11.9	15.4

* These indexes are preliminary.

(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufacturers, 1971).

(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing
(1971=100), May 1977 — Advance Information.

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose to 173.1 in May, up 0.4% from the revised April level of 172.4 and 7.6% higher than in May 1976 when it stood at 160.9.

More than four-fifths of the advance in the total index in May was attributable to a 1.8% increase in the food and beverage major group. Contributing most to the rise in foods and beverages were price increases for slaughtering and meat processors (4.6%), miscellaneous food processors (2.4%), dairy products (1.2%),

breweries (2.6%) and feeds (1.3%). Cane and beet sugar processors decreased 4.4%.

(Please note that this month the accompanying table has been expanded to show the percentage contribution made by each major group to the change in the total Industry Selling Price Index over the past month and the past year.)

Total Value of Construction Work Performed — Type of Structure by New and Repair, Canada, 1975-1977* ** ***

Type of Structure	1975			1976			1977		
	New	Repair	Total	New	Repair	Total	New	Repair	Total
Construction — Total	24,055,805	4,320,539	28,376,344	27,063,092	4,710,086	31,773,178	29,155,316	5,194,009	34,349,325
Building									
Construction — Total	13,923,751	2,685,664	16,609,415	16,058,798	2,975,312	19,034,110	16,157,408	3,306,286	19,463,694
Residential	7,113,857	1,575,805	8,689,662	9,763,811	1,813,859	11,577,670	9,807,914	2,055,296	11,863,210
Industrial	1,146,232	363,446	1,509,678	1,075,584	379,295	1,454,879	1,090,387	411,052	1,501,439
Commercial	3,378,962	353,503	3,732,465	2,970,534	357,187	3,327,721	2,879,433	377,521	3,256,954
Institutional	1,376,134	184,768	1,560,902	1,323,637	187,774	1,511,411	1,362,505	202,207	1,564,712
Other building construction	908,566	208,142	1,116,708	925,232	237,197	1,162,429	1,017,169	260,210	1,277,379
Engineering									
Construction — Total	10,132,054	1,634,875	11,766,929	11,004,294	1,734,774	12,739,068	12,997,908	1,887,723	14,885,631
Marine construction	142,208	38,445	180,653	129,355	40,421	169,776	179,134	43,149	222,283
Road, highway and aero-drome construction	1,964,287	417,659	2,381,946	2,117,521	496,748	2,614,269	2,225,696	510,694	2,736,390
Waterworks and sewage systems	1,123,314	118,028	1,241,342	1,198,490	117,326	1,315,816	1,376,209	132,401	1,508,610
Dams and irrigation	111,505	25,970	137,475	89,173	24,331	113,504	100,645	27,571	128,216
Electric power construction	2,639,704	185,460	2,825,164	2,908,946	189,211	3,098,157	3,651,458	209,438	3,860,896
Railway, tele-phone and telegraph	739,569	359,558	1,099,127	788,885	402,894	1,191,779	829,370	439,365	1,268,735
Gas and oil facilities	1,528,787	321,027	1,849,814	2,033,939	300,129	2,334,068	2,595,493	347,782	2,943,275
Other engineering construction	1,882,680	168,728	2,051,408	1,737,985	163,714	1,901,699	2,039,903	177,323	2,217,226

* Actual expenditures 1975, preliminary actual 1976, intentions 1977.

** In the Statistics Canada report *Private and Public Investment in Canada*, the total value of construction work performed is given as \$28,374.5 million for 1975, \$31,770.3 million for 1976 and \$34,347.0 million for 1977. The differences with values in this report are due to rounding procedures.

*** "Other building" and "Other engineering" contain structures which could not be published in their specific categories due to the secrecy provisions of the Statistics Act.

Construction in Canada, 1975-1977 — Advance Information.

Construction volume for 1975 and 1976 amounted to \$28,376.3 million and \$31,773.2 million, respectively. The volume is expected to increase to \$34,349.3 million in 1977. The construction program anticipated for 1977 exceeds the 1976 volume by \$2,576.1 million or 8.1% which compares with increases of 14.9% and 12.0% realized in 1975 and 1976. The actual increase realized in 1976 is higher than the 11.8% that was anticipated last year.

Expenditures in all provinces are expected to increase in 1977, with notable advances of 13.9% in Alberta, 11.4% in Nova Scotia, 11.0% in Saskatchewan and 9.6% in Quebec. In 1977, new construction is estimated to be up 7.7%, while the repair portion shows an increase of 10.3%.

The value of engineering construction at 43.3% of the total expected volume for 1977 is up 16.9% over 1976, while building activity at 56.7% is up only 2.3% over the year before. The strength in the engineering group of structures is primarily due to projects classified under electric power construction, and gas and oil facilities. Building construction will probably rise 2.3% with the largest dollar volume increases in residential buildings and institutional-type buildings such as schools, churches, hospitals, etc. Expendi-

tures on commercial buildings will decrease by \$70.8 million (2.1%).

For further information, order *Construction in Canada, 1975-1977* (64-201, \$1.40). For additional information concerning construction expenditures by sector, province and by contract—own account breakdown, please contact V. Totten (613-994-9756), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. (see table on next page)

Financial Flows

Advance information on financial flows for the first quarter of 1977, for selected sectors, is now available.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Key Economic Series (Correction)

Please note the following correction to the list of release dates published in the June 28 issue:

Labour Force Survey (June) July 12 (not 13)

Total Value of Construction Work Performed — Labour Content and Cost of Materials Used by Province, 1975 — 1977 (1), (2), (3), (4)

Province and Year	Labour Content		Cost of Materials Used	Value of Work Performed
	Number(4)	Value		
Canada				
1975	662,625	9,934,686	11,104,652	28,376,344
1976	681,091	11,013,531	12,502,921	31,773,178
1977	677,913	11,862,239	13,439,084	34,349,325
Newfoundland				
1975	17,528	219,267	239,373	617,083
1976	16,601	248,285	274,695	712,511
1977	16,488	266,808	290,431	750,201
Prince Edward Island				
1975	3,016	36,893	46,495	107,535
1976	2,531	32,732	41,266	95,270
1977	2,375	33,059	41,231	95,941
Nova Scotia				
1975	22,352	276,217	306,462	764,168
1976	21,309	307,974	345,537	852,091
1977	21,673	341,236	382,296	949,166
New Brunswick				
1975	22,709	297,766	321,388	828,972
1976	20,891	284,441	312,096	785,694
1977	20,225	298,262	322,833	812,194
Quebec				
1975	159,583	2,475,136	2,742,868	7,110,980
1976	148,518	2,548,862	2,892,611	7,469,455
1977	147,445	2,754,235	3,101,953	8,188,591
Ontario				
1975	217,335	3,183,499	3,567,106	8,989,399
1976	213,165	3,455,564	3,908,134	9,831,206
1977	203,538	3,556,384	4,033,135	10,155,404
Manitoba				
1975	24,810	378,084	362,742	1,012,643
1976	26,285	457,531	448,035	1,232,524
1977	25,885	486,904	480,188	1,311,563
Saskatchewan				
1975	29,513	411,244	449,587	1,130,553
1976	32,169	497,235	554,038	1,381,405
1977	33,177	557,724	612,765	1,533,244
Alberta				
1975	88,531	1,331,781	1,485,484	3,920,862
1976	120,231	1,692,414	1,956,596	5,052,957
1977	127,319	1,939,891	2,226,027	5,756,893
British Columbia(3)				
1975	77,248	1,324,799	1,583,147	3,894,149
1976	79,391	1,488,493	1,769,913	4,360,065
1977	79,788	1,627,736	1,948,225	4,796,128

(1) Actual expenditures 1975, preliminary actual 1976, intentions 1977.

(2) In the Statistics Canada report *Private and Public Investment in Canada*, the total value of construction work performed is given as \$28,374.5 million for 1975, \$31,770.3 million for 1976, and \$34,347.0 million for 1977. The differences with values in this report are due to rounding procedures.

(3) British Columbia includes Northwest Territories and Yukon.

(4) Number of employees is given in equivalent man-years.

Railway Operating Statistics, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$23.9 million in April, nearly three times the \$8.9 million posted in April 1976. Operating revenues rose 6.8% to \$284.1 million in the latest period while operating expenses were up only 1.2% to \$260.2 million.

Freight ton-miles rose 7.1% in April, freight train-miles increased 1.2% and freight car-miles were up 3.1%. Passenger-miles showed a gain of 5.5% while passenger car-miles declined 0.7%. (Passenger data do not include operations of "Go Transit").

In the first four months of 1977, railway operating revenues were 10.0% above the year-earlier level; expenses were up 6.8%; and net operating income at \$61.5 million was more than double that of the January-April 1976 period. Cumulative freight ton-miles rose 3.2% and passenger-miles were up 0.4%.

For further information, order the April issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Salt, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 344,830 short tons in May from 389,826 short tons in May 1976. This brought 1977 output to 2,723,788 short tons from 2,778,104 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sour Cherry Crop, 1977 — Advance Information.

In the Niagara District of Ontario the sour cherry crop was forecast on June 27 to be 35% larger than last year.

For further information, order the July issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, 40¢/\$3 for the series), or contact Miss K.C. Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian egg production increased 2.2% to 37.9 million dozen in May from 37.0 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers was up 1.2% to 22.8 million from 22.6 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased 1.1% to 1,990 from 1,969. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 6.3% to 67.0¢ a dozen from 63.0¢ a dozen in May 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

The Dairy Review, April 1977 — Advance Information.

An estimated 1,435,739,000 pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in April, 8.5% less than April 1976.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first four months of 1977 to 4,865,932,000 pounds, down 8.1% from the January-April period in 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, April 1977 — Advance Information.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1,010.7 million feet board measure (2 385 000 m³) of lumber and ties in April compared to a revised 945.4 million feet board measure (2 231 000 m³) in April 1976. January to April production increased to 4,179.0 million feet board measure (9 861 300 m³) from a revised 3,566.3 million feet board measure (8 415 500 m³) in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, May 1977 — Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 27,854 units in May, up from 26,658 in May 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 6,726 units compared to 5,622 (revised). Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 20,321 units compared to a revised 22,693. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 537 units compared to 519.

For further information, order the May issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



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